



**ST PETERSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT  
TRAFFIC SECTION  
MAJOR INCIDENT REPORT  
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**INCIDENT:** Fatal Crash #15

**REPORT#:** 2011-028720

**LOCATION:** 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue South / Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street South

**DATE:** May 13, 2011

**TIME:** 16:50 hours

**INVESTIGATOR:** Officer Terri Nagle (Van 3)

**SYNOPSIS:**

A 1996 GMC Sonoma pickup truck, FL tag P942IY, being driven by Eugene Lee Flournory (B/M, DOB: 12/26/1951, of 914 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL) was traveling southbound in the median lane of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street South. A 2001 Suzuki motorcycle, MN tag 56959MG, being driven by Robert Joseph Ross (W/M, DOB: 08/31/1983, of 2152 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue E, N. St. Paul, MN 55109) was traveling northbound in the curb lane of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street North.

Flournory attempted to make a left turn into the driveway of the business located at 1460 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street South. Flournory crossed into the path of the oncoming motorcycle. It appears Ross placed the motorcycle down on the right side in an attempt to avoid the collision, but the motorcycle collided with the right side of the GMC. Ross became trapped under the vehicle as it came to a stop. The motorcycle continued sliding in a northern direction to final rest.

Ross, who was not wearing a helmet, was transported to Bayfront Medical Center where he was pronounced dead at 19:25 hours as a result of the injuries sustained in the crash. Flournory was also transported to Bayfront Medical Center with minor injuries.

**CHARGES:** Investigation Continuing

**ALCOHOL INVOLVED:** Investigation Continuing

**NEXT OF KIN NOTIFIED:** *Yes, Debra Ross - Mother*

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