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Fatal accident on Moraga Road over Thanksgiving weekend

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The Moraga Police Department closed Moraga Road to traffic between Rheem Boulevard and Lucas Drive on the morning of Nov. 26 to allow paramedics to tend to a bicyclist who was struck by a car at approximately 10:15 a.m. The driver remained at the scene to cooperate with police. Despite life-saving attempts the victim, Roger Russell, 77, of Moraga was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to MPD Chief Jon King as of Dec. 2, "The incident remains under investigation. Both vehicles were traveling north on Moraga Road prior to the collision, but the determination of the cause of the accident is pending the conclusion of the continuing investigation."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website (<https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/bicycle-safety>) gives bicycle safety advice that MPD Lieutenant Brian South stated offers, "lots of tips in there that we would endorse."

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has information is requested to contact MPD Corporal Craig Walker at (925) 888-7055 ext. 7164 or via email: cwalker@moraga.ca.us.

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