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PRESS RELEASE

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Message:

On Sunday afternoon, Sept 21, Barrett Township Police responded to a motor vehicle accident involving two motorcycles and a SUV, along SR 447 near High Acres Park in Canadensis.

Upon arrival, it appeared that James Camacho, 36 of Brooklyn NY and Marlon McIntosh, 27 of East Stroudsburg were riding North on SR 447 with a group of other motorcyclists, when Camacho and McIntosh both lost control while negotiating a turn in the road, causing them to crash into a Ford Explorer traveling South on SR 447. The SUV was driven by John Mast 53, of Telford Pa, who was not injured. Both motorcyclists only received minor injuries.

While still investigating the accident, police were dispatched to a second motor vehicle accident, involving two additional motorcycles on SR 447, North of the the first accident scene, near the Lake in the Clouds community.

Preliminary investigations, found the second accident occurred, as a result of Anthony Ward, Age 36 of East Stroudsburg and Akile Stuart 27, of Spring Valley NY, were both on there way back to assist their friends that were involved in the first crash. While traveling South and enroute to their friends, Ward and Stuart failed to negotiate a sharp right curve on SR 447 and both struck the Northbound guide rail. Stuart received minor injuries and Ward, who had head injuries, was air lifted to Community Medical Center in Scranton. On Monday, Ward died as a result of his injuries.

All motorcyclists were wearing protective helmets at the time of the accidents.

Personnel with the Dept of Conservation & Natural Resources, Pocono Mountain Regional Ambulance and Barrett Volunteer Fire Company, assisted police during the investigation.