



# Garfield County Coroner's Office

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## PRESS RELEASE

**Date:** August 27, 2018

**Subject:** August 25, 2018 motorcycle crash fatality and victim identification.

**Identity of Deceased:** Michael Kent Stephens, 75-year old male, resident of De Beque, CO.

On Saturday August 25, 2018 at approximately 5:42pm, the Garfield County Coroner's Office was dispatched to the westbound lanes of Interstate 70 at mile mark 87 for a report of a motor vehicle crash involving a motorcyclist fatality. Upon arrival, coroner's office investigators learned that the decedent had crashed his motorcycle and that the crash involved another motor vehicle. Colorado State Patrol Troopers are investigating the circumstances of the crash.

Coroner's Office investigators identified the motorcyclist as Michael Kent Stephens, a 75-year old male and a resident of De Beque, CO. The decedent was wearing a helmet.

On Monday August 27, 2018, the Garfield County Coroner's Office contract forensic pathologist performed an autopsy on Mr. Stephens. The Coroner's Office is investigating the cause of death as blunt force injuries to the head and neck. The Coroner's Office is investigating the manner of death as an accident.

No further information is available at this time.

Respectfully,

Robert Glassmire  
Garfield County Coroner