

## **Detective Dies of Injuries**

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Little Rock Detective Doyle Robert Murphree, Jr., 34, of 4119 Lee Avenue, dies at St. Vincent Infirmary late Friday afternoon after his motorcycle crashed onto the side of a car at West Sixty-Fifth Street and Lancaster Road about noon Friday.

Lt. W. J. Harris, the police information officer, said Murphree, who was off-duty at the time, was riding west on West Sixty-Fifth Street when a car traveling south on Lancaster Road driven by Mrs. Julia Pifer 57, of 4 Rightway Drive, made a left turn onto West Sixty-Fifth Street. Murphree's motorcycle hit the side of the car and he was thrown against it. He suffered head injuries and multiple fractures.

The police charged Mrs. Pifer with failure to yield after making a stop. Harris said there is a stop sign at the intersection for traffic on Lancaster Road.

Murphree was a member of the police larceny squad, Little Rock Police Association, Arkansas Municipal Police Association and Second Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Marty Mullen Murphree; two sons, Tracy and Kevin Murphree of Little Rock; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle R. Murphree, Sr. of St. Louis; a brother, Capt. Bill Murphree of Fort Bragg, N.C., and two sisters, Mrs. Gordon Ziegler of St. Louis and Mrs. Joe Mike Jones of Cape Girardeau, Mo. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Griffin-Leggett.