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MOTORCYCLE FATALITY

An early-morning accident Sunday resulted in Shelby county's first traffic fatality of 1979.

Harlan Police Department and the Highway Patrol got the call at 4:41 a.m., after Charles D. Leber, 21, apparently lost control of his motorcycle and hit a tree in front of a residence at the intersection of 12th and Hill Sts.

Authorities said the Grand Junction (Ia.) man apparently was killed instantly. His 1972 Honda 500, northbound on 12th St., skidded across 12th after striking the tree, landing on the curb in the west lane.

Investigating officials said the motorcycle was travelling at a high rate of speed, estimated at 70 miles-per-hour.

The accident victim apparently had no local ties.

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