

# N. Dighton man dies as cruiser strikes bike

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DIGHTON — Antone M. Almeida, 21, of 466 Forest St., North Dighton, was killed yesterday afternoon after his bicycle was struck by a state police cruiser on Somerset Avenue.

Police said Almeida's bike swerved into the path of the cruiser which was turning right from Somerset Avenue onto Elm Street.

Almeida was pronounced dead on arrival at Morton Hospital. The cause of death was a fractured neck, state

police said.

Two witnesses said Almeida was riding the bicycle north on Somerset Avenue (Route 138), on the left side when he swerved left as the southbound cruiser was turning right.

The cruiser, driven by Trooper Charles Roderigues, was going less than the posted speed limit said witnesses, who noted that Roderigues swerved right to avoid hitting Almeida.

Roderigues is assigned to the Middleboro barracks.

Almeida was born in St. Michael, Azores and was the son of Jose and Lubelia (Martins) Almeida. He came to this country in 1973, resided in Fall River for a short time and then moved to Dighton in 1978.

A graduate of B.M.C. Durfee High School, Almeida attended Bristol Community College. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Army Reserves, having

completed six months of basic training a short time ago.

A communicant of St. Joseph's Church, Almeida was employed for a while by Almac's Super Market, Winthrop Street.

Beside his father and mother, he is survived by a sister, Miss Fatima M. Almeida of North Dighton and several aunts and uncles.