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Around 7:15 pm on September 6, the Yukon Coroner's Service was notified of a death that had occurred following a motorcycle collision on the South Klondike Highway. The collision had taken place just before 6:00 pm, approximately 25 km from the Carcross cutoff, just south of the Annie Lake Road turnoff. RCMP from Carcross and Whitehorse responded, as well as local EMS and Fire.

The deceased had been returning to Whitehorse from a daytrip to Skagway, AK with a friend who was riding a separate motorcycle. It appears the fallen rider had just navigated a left turn when his motorcycle left the highway and overturned. The driver was pronounced deceased at the scene of the collision.

The deceased has been identified as 56-year-old James Joseph Giczi of Whitehorse.

Alcohol or road conditions are not believed to be factors in this incident. An autopsy will be performed to determine cause of death.

Yukon Coroner's Service continues its investigation, with assistance from the RCMP.

Yukon Coroner's Service extends our sincere condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Mr. Giczi.