

PATROLMAN AL CHARLES KINARD
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Policeman Killed in Wreck

Patrolman A. C. Kinard, 41, a veteran Negro policeman, was killed in a freak traffic accident at Fourth Street and Highland Avenue about 9:45 a.m. today.

Riding a three-wheel police motorcycle, he apparently was trapped between the curb and a car which was making a right turn.

The collision apparently threw the motorcycle out of control. It wound up upside down about 75 feet away. Kinard's head was believed to have struck the sidewalk. His skull was crushed.

He was rushed to Kate Billing Reynolds Memorial Hospital, only a few blocks away, but was dead on arrival.

The police investigation listed the driver of the car as Sylvester Reddic, Negro, 38, of 1619 E. 25th Street, a tobacco company employe.

The accident was a highly unusual one. E. Fourth Street is a



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one-way thoroughfare and both vehicles were traveling in the same direction.

The automobile, a blue 1953 four-door Plymouth, was in the righthand traffic lane of the street, which has two lanes for moving traffic at this point. However, a parking lane at the curb provides additional space.

Information indicated, police said, that Kinard was overtaking the car, presumably not realizing that it was about to turn. He probably turned to the right also, taking the curb lane in an unsuccessful attempt to avoid a wreck.

The two vehicles collided at the intersection. The place of impact on the car appeared to be on its right side, right front fender and bumper.

The motorcycle continued across the intersection and ended its trip upside down under a tree on the far side of Highland Avenue.

Kinard was one of the older Negro officers on the police force. He joined the department June 1, 1949.

Officers of the police department expressed shock and extreme regret this morning at the accident and the loss of such an experienced and loyal member of the department.

Policeman Kinard lived at 508 Morrison Street. Survivors include the wife, Mrs. Ruby Kinard, and a daughter, Carletta, 12.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

The death was the sixth traffic fatality in Winston-Salem this year.

It broke a period of 129 days—more than four months—in which this city had recorded no fatal accidents.

The city has had 644 persons injured in the 2,294 traffic accidents which had been recorded here up until this morning.

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Motorcycle on which a Winston-Salem patrolman was killed this morning.

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