



— Phillip Whitley/Special

A Florida Highway Patrol dog, Major, was killed when troopers stopped a truck on I-95 in St. Johns County, and the ani-

mal was called on to search for drugs. Major darted into the northbound lane and was struck by a car, troopers said.

## Drug-sniffing dog killed in I-95 accident

By Andrea Bisconti  
staff writer

Canine Major, a Florida Highway Patrol dog who sniffed out about \$100,000 worth of drugs during his career, was killed yesterday after being struck by a car on Interstate 95 in St. Johns County.

The accident happened during a drug search just south of Florida 210, said Lt. Randy Brown of the Highway Patrol.

"It's certainly a sad day for us," Brown said. "Naturally, we feel like we lost a rooper."

About 1:45 p.m., troopers Mike King and Mike Smith stopped a rental truck on I-95 or following too closely to the car in front of it, Brown said. The driver, Jerry Matthew Ryan, 22, of Homestead acted nervous, so

the troopers asked to search the truck.

The troopers found a bag of marijuana, so Smith — who worked with and cared for the dog — brought Major into the search, Brown said.

Smith commanded the 1½-year-old German shepherd to jump into the truck, but Major had trouble getting in, Brown said. After a few more commands from the trooper, Major apparently got confused and decided to find another way into the truck, Brown said.

The dog bolted around the front of the truck and was hit by a car driving in the right northbound lane, Brown said.

Brown said the death was an accident and that no one would be charged. Ryan was charged with possession of marijuana under

14 grams. A 14-year-old girl traveling with him was not charged.

The Highway Patrol paid \$2,500 to have Major imported from Germany. The dog then spent 500 hours training for tracking, obedience and searching, and another 200 hours learning to detect cocaine, crack cocaine, marijuana and heroin, Brown said. Major wore a gold trooper's badge on his collar.

Since he began working with Smith in January, Major has detected about \$100,000 worth of drugs hidden in vehicles on highways in Duval, Nassau and St. Johns counties. He also played a role in numerous arrests of drug traffickers, car thieves and fugitives, Brown said.

# FLORIDA TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORT

MAIL TO: DEPT. OF HIGHWAY SAFETY & MOTOR VEHICLES  
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT RECORDS

Time & Location	DATE OF ACCIDENT	TIME OF ACCIDENT	TIME OFFICER NOTIFIED	TIME OFFICER ARRIVED	INVEST. AGENCY REPORT NUMBER	HSMV ACCIDENT REPORT NUMBER
	1 1   2   9   9 0	2:10	2:12	2:23	90-38-03136-20	13902800
	COUNTY/CITY CODE	CITY OR TOWN (Check if in City or Town)		COUNTY		
	20/00	Feet or 11 Miles	N S E W St. Augustine		St. Johns	
	AT NODE NO.	FROM NODE NO.	NEXT NODE NO. ON ROAD	NO. OF LANES	1 DIVIDED 2 UNDIVIDED	ON STREET, ROAD OR HIGHWAY
	OR 6/10	FEET/MILES 1095	ROAD 1089	4		SR-9 (I-95)
	AT INTERSECTION OF		OR 6/10		FEET/MILES OF INTERSECTION OF	
					County Road 210	

DRIVER 1 Phantom ACTION 2 Hit & Run 3 N/A	YEAR	MAKE	TYPE	VEH. LICENSE NUMBER	STATE	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	POINT OF IMPACT
3	88	Merc	01	CPD 46N	NJ	2MEBM75F6JX644008	2
TRAILER OR TOWED VEHICLE INFORMATION							CIRCLE AREA OF DAMAGE
							18 Undercarriage 19 Overturn 20 Windshield 21 Fire 22 Trailer

VEHICLE TRAVELING	At	Est. MPH	Posted Speed	EST. VEHICLE DAMAGE	1 Disabling 2 Functional 3 No Damage	EST. TRAILER DAMAGE
SR-9 (I-95)		45	55	\$ 250.00	2	\$

INSURANCE CO. (LIABILITY OR PIP)	POLICY NUMBER	VEHICLE REMOVED BY:	1 Tow Rotation List 2 Tow Owner's Request 3 Driver
Allstate Insurance Company	039-706408 5	Driver	3
OWNER'S FULL NAME (Check if Driver)	CURRENT ADDRESS (Number and Street)	CITY AND STATE	ZIP CODE

OWNER'S FULL NAME (Trailer or Towed Vehicle)	CURRENT ADDRESS (Number and Street)	CITY AND STATE	ZIP CODE
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DRIVER (Exactly as on Driver's License)/Pedestrian	CURRENT ADDRESS (Number and Street)	CITY AND STATE	ZIP CODE	DATE OF BIRTH
Dorothy Marie Fean	350 44th Street Box 56 Sea Isle City, N.J.		08243	01-21-27

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER	STATE	LIC. TYPE	BAC TEST	RESULTS	AL/DRUG	PHYS. DEF.	RES	RACE	SEX	INI.	S. EQUIP.	EJECT.
F 2030 17874 51274	NJ	1	1 Blood 2 Breath 3 Urine 4 Refused 5 None	5		1	3	1	2	1	2	1

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS BEING TRANSPORTED	1 None 2 Flammable Liquid	3 Explosives 4 Poisonous Gas	5 Corrosive Materials 6 Radioactive Materials	7 Other	Driving Ability Questionable	1 YES 2 NO 3 NOT APPLICABLE	If YES, Explain in Narrative	Driver's Phone No.
				1				(609) 263-8255

# PASSENGER'S NAME	CURRENT ADDRESS	CITY & STATE/ZIP CODE	AGE	LOC	INI.	S. EQUIP.	EJECT.
1 Eileen C. Fean	Same As Driver		53	3	1	2	1
2 Alvin J. Fean	114 McKinley Ave.	Lansdowne, Pa. 19050	66	6	1	1	1

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Code Information	VEHICLE TYPE	RESIDENCE (DRIVER ONLY)	PHYSICAL DEFECTS	ALCOHOL/DRUG USE	LOCATION (IN VEHICLE)	
	01 Passenger Vehicle 02 Passenger Van 03 Recreational 04 Truck (Light) Pickup 05 Truck (Heavy) 06 Truck-Tractor 07 Motorcycle 08 Off-Road Vehicle 09 Moped 10 Bicycle 11 Law Enforcement Vehicle 12 Fire Vehicle 13 Ambulance 14 Rescue Unit	15 Taxicab 16 Public School Bus 17 Private School Bus 18 City Transit Bus 19 Commercial Bus 20 Other Type Bus 21 Special Mobile Equipment 22 Farm Equipment 23 Government 24 Military 25 Train 26 Trailer 27 Towed Vehicle 28 Other	1 County of Accident 2 Elsewhere in State 3 Non-Resident State 4 Foreign 5 Unknown	1 No Defects Known 2 Eyesight Defect 3 Fatigue/Asleep 4 Hearing Defect 5 ILL 6 Seizure, Epilepsy, Blackout 7 Other Physical Defect	1 Not Drinking or Using Drugs 2 Alcohol-Under Influence 3 Drugs-Under Influence 4 Alcohol & Drugs-Under Influence 5 Had Been Drinking 6 Pending BAC Test Result	1 Front Left 2 Front Center 3 Front Right 4 Rear Left 5 Rear Center 6 Rear Right 7 In Body of Truck 8 Bus Passenger 9 Other
	LICENSE TYPE	RACE	SEX	SAFETY EQUIPMENT IN USE	EJECTED	
	1 Operator 2 Chauffeur 3 Res. Operator 4 Motor-cycle 5 None	1 White 2 Black 3 Hispanic 4 Other	1 Male 2 Female	1 Not in Use 2 Seat Belt/Shoulder Harness 3 Child Restraint 4 Safety Helmet/Eye Protection 5 Air Bag 6 Other	1 No 2 Yes 3 Partial	

INVESTIGATOR - RANK AND SIGNATURE	ID/BADGE NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	1 FHP 3 CPD 2 SO 4 OTHER
<i>Timothy S. Flynn</i> Timothy S. Flynn Formerly FHP 3	Sergeant 239	Florida Highway Patrol	

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PROPERTY DAMAGED - OTHER THAN VEHICLES		EST. AMOUNT	OWNER'S NAME		ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP										
1 Police Canine Name: Major		\$ 5000.	Neil Kirkman Bldg		Tallahassee		Florida	32301											
PROPERTY DAMAGED - OTHER THAN VEHICLES		EST. AMOUNT	OWNER'S NAME		ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP										
2		\$																	
CONTRIBUTING CAUSES-DRIVER/PED			VEHICLE DEFECT			VEHICLE MOVEMENT			VEHICLE FUNCTION										
01 No Improper Driving/Action 02 Careless Driving 03 Failed to Yield Right-of-Way 04 Improper Backing 05 Improper Lane Change 06 Improper Turn 07 Alcohol-Under Influence 08 Drugs-Under Influence 09 Alcohol & Drugs-Under Influence 10 Followed Too Closely 11 Disregarded Traffic Signal 12 Exceeded Safe Speed Limit 13 Disregarded Stop Sign 14 Failed to Maintain Equip./Vehicle 15 Improper Passing 16 Drove Left of Center 17 Exceeded Stated Speed Limit 18 Obstructing Traffic			01 No Defects 02 Def. Brakes 03 Worn/Smooth Tires 04 Defective/Improper Lights 05 Puncture/Blowout 06 Steering Mech. 07 Windshield Wipers 08 Equipment/Vehicle Defect			01 Straight Ahead 02 Slowing/Stopped/Stalled 03 Making Left Turn 04 Backing 05 Making Right Turn 06 Changing Lanes 07 Entering/Leaving Parking Space 08 Property Parked 09 Improperly Parked 10 Making U-Turn			01 None 02 Pulling Semi-Trailer 03 Pulling Other Veh. 04 Emergency Operation 05 Pulling Tandem Trailer/Double Bottom 06 Pulling Tank Trailer 07 Pulling House Trailer 08 Pulling Small Trailer 09 Veh. Being Towed/Pushed 10 Pulling Pole Trailer										
19 Improper Load 20 Disregarded Other Traffic Control 21 Driving Wrong Side/Way 77 All Other (Explain in Narrative)			01 On Road 02 Not On Road 03 Shoulder 04 Median 05 Turn Lane/Safety Zone			01 Crossing Not at Intersection 02 Crossing at Intersection 03 Walking Along Road With Traffic 04 Walking Along Road Against Traffic 05 Pushing/Working on Vehicle in Road 06 Other Working in Road			07 Standing/Playing in Road 77 All Other (Explain)										
FIRST/SUBSEQUENT HARMFUL EVENT			ROAD SYSTEM IDENTIFIER			LIGHTING CONDITION													
01 Collision With MV in Transport (Rear-end) 02 Collision With MV in Transport (Angle) 03 Collision With MV in Transport (Left Turn) 04 Collision With Parked Car 05 Collision With MV in Transport (Sideswipe) 06 Collision With MV in Transport (Backed Into) 07 Collision With MV in Transport (Right Turn) 08 MV Hit Other Fixed Object 09 MV Hit Utility Pole/Light Pole 10 Collision With MV in Transport (Head-on) 11 Collision With Pedestrian 12 Collision With Moped 13 MV Hit Tree/Shrubbery 14 Collision With Bicycle			15 Collision With Bicycle (Bike Lane) 16 MV Ran into Ditch/Culvert 17 Ran Off Road Into Water 18 Overturned 19 MV Hit Fence 20 Collision With MV on Other Roadway 21 MV Hit Sign/Sign Post 22 MV Hit Guardrail 23 Collision With Fixed Object Above Road 24 Fire 25 Collision With Animal 26 Collision With Moveable Object On Road			27 MV Hit Concrete Barrier Wall 28 MV Hit Bridge/Pier/Abutment Rail 29 Occupant Fell From Vehicle 30 Tractor/Trailer Jackknifed 31 Collision With Construction Barricade/Sign in Road 32 Collision With Traffic Gate 33 Collision With Crash Attenuators 34 Collision With Train 35 Explosion 77 All Other (Explain)			01 Interstate 02 U.S. 03 State 04 County 05 Local 06 Turnpike 07 Other Full Control 08 Other Major Arterial 77 All Other (Explain)			01 Daylight 02 Dusk 03 Dawn 04 Dark (Street Light) 05 Dark (No Street Light) 88 Unknown							
CONTRIBUTING CAUSES-ROAD			CONTRIBUTING CAUSES-ENVIRONMENT			TRAFFIC CONTROL			SITE LOCATION			TRAFFICWAY CHARACTER							
01 No Defects 02 Obstruction With/Without Warning 03 Road Under Repair/Construction 04 Loose Surface Materials 05 Shoulders-Soft/Low/High 06 Holes/Ruts/Unsafe Paved Edge 07 Standing Water 08 Worn/Polished Road Surface 77 All Other (Explain)			01 Vision Not Obscured 02 Inclement Weather 03 Parked/Stopped Vehicle 04 Trees/Crops/Bushes 05 Load on Vehicle 06 Building/Fixed Object 07 Signs/Billboards 08 Fog 09 Smoke 10 Glare 77 All Other (Explain)			01 No Control 02 Speed Control Zone 03 Traffic Signal 04 Stop Sign 05 Yield Sign 06 Flashing Light 07 Railroad Signal 08 Officer/Guard/Flagman 09 Pested No U-Turn 10 School Zone 77 All Other (Explain)			01 Not At Intersection/RR X'ing/Bridge 02 At Intersection 03 Influenced By Intersection 04 Driveway Access 05 Railroad Crossing 06 Bridge 07 Entrance Ramp 08 Exit Ramp 09 Parking Lot-Public 10 Parking Lot-Private			11 Private Property 77 All Other (Explain)			01 Straight-Level 02 Straight-Upgrade/Downgrade 03 Curve-Level 04 Curve-Upgrade/Downgrade TYPE SHOULDER 01 Paved 02 Unpaved				
WITNESS NAME		ADDRESS		CITY & STATE		ZIP													
1 None																			
2																			
VIOLATOR	FL STATUTE NUMBER	NAME	CHARGE																
		None																	

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**NARRATIVE AND DIAGRAM**

MAIL TO: DEPT. OF HIGHWAY SAFETY & MOTOR VEHICLES  
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT RECORDS, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301

EMS INFO: FATALS ONLY	TIME EMS NOTIFIED AM PM	TIME EMS ARRIVED AM PM	COUNTY/CITY CODE 20/00	DATE OF ACCIDENT 11-29-90	INVEST. AGENCY REPORT NUMBER 90-38-03136-20	HSMV ACCIDENT REPORT NUMBER 13902800
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On 11-29-90 at approximately 2:10 pm on SR-9 (I-95), 6/10 miles south of CR-210. A Felony Team consisting of Trooper Michael D. King, ID# 913, Trooper Michael A. Smith, ID# 924 and Canine Major team designation G-2, were in the process of a vehicle drug search. This search was being conducted on the north bound emergency lane of SR-9 (I-95). During the search, Canine Major for unknown reasons bolted from his position on the east side of the suspect vehicle and ran north bound around the front of the suspect vehicle and into the path of vehicle #1. Canine Major was struck by the right front of vehicle #1 and thrown 44 feet onto the east shoulder of SR-9 (I-95).  
Vehicle # 1 was traveling north bound on the outside lane of SR-9 (I-95) prior to collision with Canine Major. There were no visible skid marks left by vehicle #1 prior to collision.  
Canine Major died at the scene as the result of his injuries.

This incident and traffic crash was referred to:  
Lt. Malcom P. Jowers, ID# 91, Investigation Section Troop G, Jacksonville.  
Photographs taken by Trooper Michael D. King, ID# 913 at Sergeant T. S. Flynn request.

FIRST AID GIVEN BY - NAME: None	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Physician or Nurse <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Paramedic Or EMT	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Police Officer <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Certified 1st Aider <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Other	INJURED TAKEN TO: None	BY - NAME: None
WAS INVESTIGATION MADE AT SCENE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 2 No-Where?	IS INVESTIGATION COMPLETE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 2 No-Why?	DATE OF REPORT 11   29   90	PHOTOS TAKEN? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 2 No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Investigating Agency <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Other
INVESTIGATOR - RANK AND SIGNATURE <i>Timothy S. Flynn</i> Timothy S. Flynn	ID/BADGE NUMBER 239	DEPARTMENT Florida Highway Patrol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FHP <input type="checkbox"/> SO	<input type="checkbox"/> CPD <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

DIAGRAM

North Bound Lanes  
SR-9



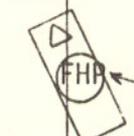
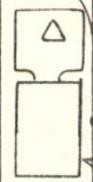
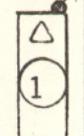
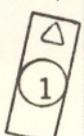
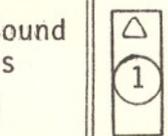
INDICATE NORTH WITH ARROW

Grass Median

South Bound Lanes  
SR-9

Final Rest  
Canine Major

Scuff Marks



Canine Major

Suspect  
Rental Van

FHP 1901

FHP 1762

Emergency Lane

Grass Shoulder