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The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office has been investigating a fatal hit and run accident which occurred on January 16, 2015 at approximately 7:35 p.m. The investigation has shown that Gabe Wilken was alone, wearing a helmet, and operating a motorcycle northbound on NW 48th Street. Just north of I-80, he lost control of his motorcycle and crashed in the northbound lane of travel. Wilken was separated from the motorcycle and came to rest in the southbound lane of NW 48th Street where he was struck by an unknown southbound vehicle. Wilken's motorcycle remained in the northbound lane. Investigators do not believe Wilken's motorcycle was struck by another vehicle during these incidents. Wilken was drug by the unknown vehicle southbound on NW 48th Street, through the intersection of NW 48th & West O Street, and then eastbound along West O Street to where he was found deceased, near the intersection of NW 27th & West O Street.

Descriptions of two vehicles have been released to the public. Numerous calls and tips have come into the Office regarding similar vehicles, but a suspect vehicle has not yet been identified. While witnesses have described seeing both vehicles in the area around the time of the accident, it is not clear whether either vehicle described was involved in the actual accident with Gabe Wilken. Investigators are not limiting their search to these two vehicles. Anyone with any information regarding these accidents are encouraged to contact the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office at 402-441-6500 or Crime Stoppers at 402-475-3600.

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office is committed to seek and find ways to affirmatively promote and preserve a feeling of security and safety in members of the community.