

Exclusive: Bronx family in mourning after loved one ejected from dirt bike in police chase, died from injuries

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A Bronx family is mourning the loss of their loved one who was ejected from his dirt bike during a police chase and later died from his injuries.

Samuel Williams was riding his dirt bike when he became involved in a police pursuit. Police say Williams' bike was unregistered, and that he was driving recklessly when he collided with an unmarked cruiser on the University Heights Bridge. He died from his injuries hours later.

Video shows Williams being arrested after he was ejected from the bike, however, the family's attorney says that police are not telling the full story.

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Santana says that should not result in putting riders, officers and the public at risk.

A memorial now grows outside of the store where Williams worked to commemorate his life - and just down the road, candles glow in the lobby of his family's apartment. "He was a loving father, he adored his daughter, he was a family guy," said Shari-Anne Williams, Samuel Williams' sister. "We want justice." ■