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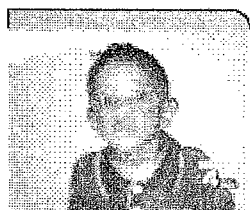
## Victim's Brother, 7, Witnessed Hit-And-Run

### Police Search For Driver

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**WASHINGTON** -- One of two young boys struck late Thursday afternoon by a dirt-style motorbike in Southeast Washington has died, sources told News4.



Brother Witnesses  
Boy's Death  
Motorbike Seriously  
Injures Kids

Authorities said the collision happened just after 4 p.m., in the 7300 block of Langston Place, S.E. The two little boys, ages 4 and 5, were being walked by an adult woman from nearby Young's Memorial Church's day-care center, when they were hit by the dirt bike.

Sources said 5-year-old Lawrence Yelverton died early Friday morning.

"I want justice to be served," said the boy's mother, Althea Yelverton. "I'm not going to rest until they lock (the bike's driver) up."

The other victim, 4-year-old Charles Fenwick, remains in critical condition at Children's Hospital.

Lawrence's brother Michael, 7, witnessed the accident.

"First, (the bike's driver) was trying to go out into the grass," Michael said. "Then he hit Lawrence. That's why Lawrence is dead."

The pastor at Young's Memorial Church, the Rev. Herbert Chambers, said his employee from the day-care program did all she could to protect the children.

"Her statement is that (the bike's driver) initially ran by them," he said. "She asked him to stay away from her children. He turned around and came by them again."

Betty Clark, a neighbor who witnessed what happened, told News4 while fighting back tears, "The little boy, he was laying down like he was dead already and one lady was giving him CPR, and the other boy was laying by the steps."

Investigators said the bike's driver left the scene, but police found the vehicle abandoned a short time later, about 100 yards from the accident scene. They said they have the name of a suspect and hope to locate him soon.

Crime scene investigators had taped paper bags over the handles to preserve fingerprint evidence as they wheeled it away.

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D.C. Housing Authority Police Chief William Pittman said his officers find small motorbikes and all-terrain vehicles a constant source of danger and frustration.

"The bikes can go extremely fast and once the officers get out of their cars or walk around, they speed away and there's absolutely no way you can really catch them," Pittman said.

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