

For the second time this year, a Champaign resident was killed due to debris being thrown off the overpass on Prospect Avenue. Emily Sawyer, a mother of three, and cancer survivor, was on her way to church when a 10-pound rock struck her windshield causing her head to split open. Her mother was a passenger. The football sized rock sent 43-year-old Sawyer to Carle Foundation Hospital where she was pronounced DOA. The accident occurred today at 8 a.m., and police reported young males throwing debris off the overpass. Additionally, this caused Sawyer to crash into a protective railing separating oncoming traffic on I-74. Sawyers 2008 Mitsubishi suffered significant damage, however no other vehicles were involved. Her two sisters Felicity Shrove and Donna Taylor conducted a news conference and stated "This was a senseless tragedy. Emily was a wonderful mother and caring daughter. Who would do this to a perfect stranger, just for kicks? It could have been any one of us or any of our kids. We hope that steps can be taken to prevent this from happening to anyone else." If anyone knows further information about the accident, please call the Champaign County Crime stoppers at (217) 373- TIPS