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### The Tragedy on Interstate 74

Another car accident occurred on Interstate 74. It involved 43 year-old Emily Sawyer and her 86 year-old mother, Celine Taylor. The accident lead to Emily's death, splitting open her head. She was taken to Carle Foundation Hospital and pronounced dead. Her mother, Celine Taylor, was taken to the same hospital, but was treated for a broken arm and several bruises.

Emily had been driving her mother to a church in St. Joseph when a rock of the size of a football crashed into her 2008 Mitsubishi Lancer, resulting in the car crashing onto a railing separating traffic on Interstate 74.

Emily was a divorced, single mother of three young children who lived in Champaign and grew up in Danville. She was also a breast-cancer survivor, for which she underwent a lumpectomy and chemotherapy two years ago.

Her two sisters, Felicity Shrove and Donna Taylor made a statement towards the case. "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 of us or any of our kids. We hope that steps can be taken to prevent this from happening to anyone else". Last year, prominent Urbana lawyer Samuel T. Howe was killed when a can of gasoline was dropped from an overpass on Windsor Road onto Interstate 57, where he had been driving. No one else was in the car.

Anyone with information about the incident can call Champaign County Crimestoppers  
at (217)-373-TIPS.