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Breaking News Story

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Breaking news today here in Champaign, Illinois. The 43-year-old mother, Emily Sawyer, has been pronounced dead after a large rock fell and smashed through her front windshield at 8 o'clock this morning. She was driving through the Prospect Avenue overpass when the rock hit her 2008 Mitsubishi Lancer and she crashed into the guard rail. Authorities were called after the accident and Sawyer was pronounced D.O.A. at Carle Foundation Hospital. After examination, the granite rock was to have weighed ten pounds. Sawyer was accompanied by her mother, Celine Taylor, in the car during the accident; Taylor was treated for a broken arm, bruises, and disorientation at Carle Foundation Hospital. Reports were made to the Champaign Police department around this time of young males throwing an array of items from the overpass. Last year, Samuel T. Howe was killed during a similar incident to Sawyer while driving under this same overpass. Emily Sawyer was the mother of three children ages ten and under and had two sisters that spoke out after the accident. She was also divorced and was a breast cancer survivor. Her family constructed a press conference to gain support for a rail to be built at the top of the overpass to prevent further incidents like this one and the one from last year. If you have any information on the accident, please contact (217)373-TIPS to reach the Champaign County Crimestoppers. Our thoughts are extended out to the family of Emily Sawyer.