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**13 YEAR-OLD KILLED, ANOTHER INJURED IN MOTORCROSS  
CRASH IN WAREHAM**

**BROCKTON** – A 13 year-old girl was killed and another man was injured in a dirt bike crash in Wareham, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

At approximately 4 p.m. yesterday, Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office were notified of a fatal dirt bike crash at Wareham MX Park, located at 3042 Cranberry Highway, and an investigation commenced.

Interviews conducted and an analysis of the scene revealed the female victim was traveling southbound on the dirt bike track and appeared to have lost control after landing a jump, swerving into the parallel lane which had northbound riders. There the victim collided with a male rider in the northbound lane.

The female rider was transported to Tobey Hospital in Wareham where she was pronounced dead as a result of her injuries. She has been identified as Ava Pioppi, 13, of Carver.

The male dirt bike rider was also transported to Tobey Hospital and treated for non-life threatening injuries. He is not being identified.

The investigation is ongoing by Massachusetts State Police and Wareham Police.