

STATE WARD, 16, DIES IN TRAFFIC-STOP STRUGGLE WITH COP

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A 16-year-old state ward was killed Tuesday in a struggle with a Detroit police officer during a traffic stop at Greenfield and Grand River, police said.

Police tentatively identified the victim as **Kathy Moore**. She had a juvenile record with the state Department of Social Services, police said.

Moore was driving a Toyota Celica when it hit a parked car, police said.

Officer Charles Smith, 43, of the 10th (Livernois) Precinct, was in uniform and driving a marked police car when he saw Moore driving erratically about 5:35 p.m.

Smith, a 22-year veteran, stopped Moore for a traffic violation.

As Smith approached the Toyota, Moore got out, and they began struggling, police said. As she grappled for the barrel of Smith's handgun it went off, and Moore was shot in the upper right chest.

She was dead on arrival at Grace Hospital.

Police said Moore was a large teenager, at 6 feet and 200 pounds. The car was owned by an acquaintance of Moore, police said.

Officers involved in fatal shootings are removed from street duty during police board reviews.

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