

Husband of wife killed in Rice-area bicycle accident files court order

The husband of a woman who died in a fatal bicycle crash near Rice University last month filed a temporary restraining order against the trucking company that operated a dump truck involved in the wreck.

Ujjal Bhattacharjee has requested a restraining order on E Cruz Lazo Trucking, prohibiting them from changing, altering or destroying any evidence related to the crash, according to court documents filed on Monday with the Harris County District Clerk.

On April 24, Bhattacharjee's wife, Sudipta Roy, was biking onto a crosswalk on Sunset when a dump truck driver turned right from Sunset onto Main, hitting and killing her, police said.

Police originally said that Roy might have been at fault in the accident, although bicycle safety advocates have pushed against the notion.

"Our goal at the end of this is to clear Sudipta's name. It was not her fault," Rob Kwok, Bhattacharjee's lawyer, said at a news conference this morning.

Local nonprofit BikeHouston has joined with members of the Rice community to push for changes to the intersection, which has been the site of two fatal bicycle crashes in about 14 months.

Scientist and Rice professor Marjorie Corcoran, 66, also died there on Feb. 3, 2017 when she biked over a set of Metro tracks along Fannin and Sunset and was hit by a crossing light rail train.

The city of Houston and Houston Metro have been working on a plan to adjust the intersection, although those plans aren't finalized, officials with both groups said.

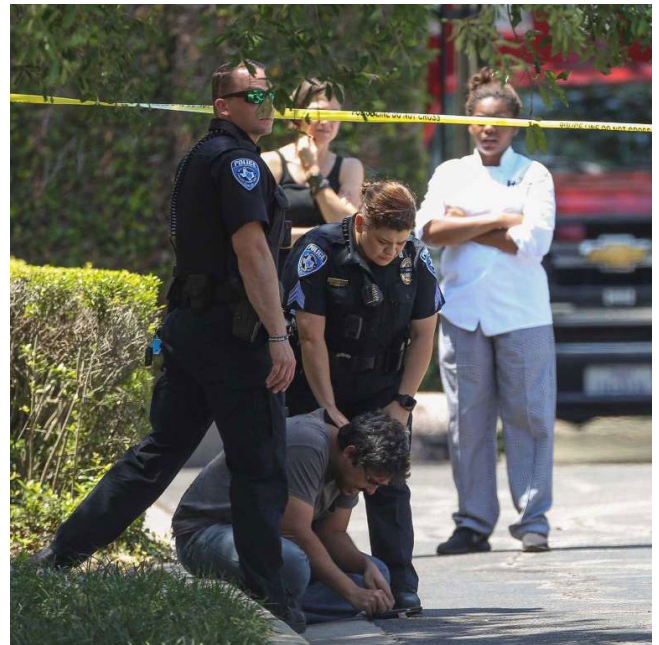
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