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Chicago woman dies in motorcycle accident in Oak Park 09.16.09

Oak Park Police today arrested a Chicago woman in connection with a traffic accident that resulted in the death of a motorcyclist on Austin Boulevard near I-290 at about 11 a.m., Wednesday.

Lolita Brown, 40, of the 5500 block of West Congress Parkway, had stopped the minivan she was driving in the southbound lane of Austin and dropped off a passenger at the entrance to the Blue Line el station. She then allegedly attempted a u-turn in traffic to cross over into the northbound lanes of Austin and was struck by Jamilla Simms, 26, of the 5900 block of West Washington Boulevard, who was traveling south on a motorcycle.

Simms, who was not wearing a helmet, suffered massive head injuries. She was transported to Loyola Medical Center in Maywood where she was pronounced dead at about 11:30 a.m.

Brown was issued traffic citations for improper stopping on the roadway, improper u-turn on a hill and no proof of insurance. She was released on bond pending a court date of Oct. 14.

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