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## Boy On Bicycle Hit By Car, Hospitalized

A 9-year-old Covington boy was critically injured Saturday when he was struck by a car while riding his bicycle along Decoursey Pike in Ryland Heights.

Brian Schawe, 306 Decoursey Pike, was hospitalized in critical condition with a head injury at St. Elizabeth Medical Center North, a hospital spokeswoman said.

The accident occurred about 3:20 p.m. as Brian rode his bike north on Decoursey Pike, just south of White's Road, said Kenton County Patrolman Bob Mueller.

"The boy was riding north on Decoursey (Pike), and the car was behind him," Mueller said. "The driver said she was just starting past the boy when he turned at almost a 90-degree angle in front of her."

Mueller added the right front corner of the woman's 1979 Ford Pinto wagon struck Brian.

The driver of the car was not charged, Mueller said.

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## Cyclist, 9, Dies Of Head Injuries

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Brian Schawe's mother said she told him not to ride his bicycle in the road Saturday afternoon, but she said the 9-year-old did so anyway.

He took the bike onto busy Decoursey Pike in Ryland Heights and was struck by an automobile. Brian died Sunday in St. Elizabeth Medical Center North from head injuries.

Kenton County police said the driver of the car tried to pass the boy on Decoursey Pike, just south of White's Road, at about 3:20 p.m. Saturday. But Brian turned into the car and was struck by the right front

part of the auto.

The driver was not cited, police said.

A second-grade student at Ryland Elementary School, Brian had a perfect attendance record this year, according to his mother, Pauline Schawe. The boy had fractured his toe earlier last week, but hobbled to school to keep the record intact.

"Anyway he could get there, he would," Mrs. Schawe said Sunday of her son's love for school.

Brian was also "a real sports nut," his mother added. "He had no choice," not with four other brothers and two sisters in the family.

The boy's organs will be donated to the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine, his mother said, and some skin grafts will be donated to the Shriners Burns Institute, Cincinnati.

In addition to his mother, Brian, 306 Decoursey Pike, Ryland Heights, leaves his father, Thomas; brothers, Rick, Dan, Eddie and Andy; sisters, Karen and Debbie, all at home, and grandparents, Henry Schawe, Independence, and Daniel and Burnetta Crowe, Taylor Mill.

Mass, 10 a.m. Wednesday, St. Patrick Church, Taylor Mill. Visitation, 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Swindler Funeral Home, Covington. Burial, Mother of God Cemetery, Covington.

*Schawe, Brian Joseph 1975 - 1984*

