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Scott Youth Killed When Hit By Train

David Paul Bruin, 18, was killed shortly after 7 p.m. Monday when he was hit by a north bound train at a railroad crossing near DeGaris Mill Road.

Ramiro (Chico) Gomez, a friend who was with Bruin at the time of accident, told police that he and Bruin had left Sharp's Trailer Park and were walking on North Hamilton (DeGaris Mill Road) to James Lewis' private drive when they came to the railroad crossing there.

Traveling east, they had started to cross the tracks when they heard the approach of a south bound train. Upon crossing the tracks, Gomez saw another train, approaching from the opposite direction and called out to Bruin. He was never to see his friend again.

Ray King, engineer aboard Southern Railroad train #116, later told police that he and brakeman J.C. Modlin were traveling in the first of three engines, pulling 66 cars and a caboose, when they rounded a slight curve and saw Bruin on the track, facing north, with his back to the oncoming train. They sounded the whistle three times by as engineer King later said, "He never saw us".

With the passing of the south bound train, Gomez crawled under the now motionless north bound train. Unable to find Bruin, he ran back to Sharp's Trailer Park and told Mary White, a resident there, what had happened.

"I saw them walking toward

the crossing," said Ms. White. "When the south bound went by on the far track I could see David but not Chico. Then the north bound came by and I couldn't see either one of them."

Coroner Kenneth Grant said that death was instantaneous.

Funeral services for Bruin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bruin, 323 North Hamilton, will be held today (Wednesday) at Crestlawn at 2:30 p.m.

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Bruin, a native of Scott County, was a U.S. Army Veteran and was a member of Georgetown Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents he is survived by three brothers, Billy Bryant, Bobby Allen and Charles Raymond, all of Georgetown; 5 sisters, Mrs. Patsy Swift, Georgetown; Mrs. Sue Allen and Mrs. Linda Long of Midway; and Mrs. Betty Devora and Mrs. Lillie Hensley, both of Hawaii; and maternal grandfather, Jake Smith, Falmouth.

Services conducted by Dr. Dan C. Moore; burial following in Crestlawn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

Visitation from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday.