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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Family of hit-and-run victim to dedicate ghost bike, seeks public help identifying driver

Washington, DC - August 1, 2017

What: Burgess Johnson Memorial and Ghost Bike Dedication at East of the River Bike Clinic

When: Saturday, August 5th, 1:30pm

Where: Anacostia Library

1800 Good Hope Rd SE

Washington, DC 20020

On June 30th Burgess Johnson, age 53, was hit by a driver, in the 2600 block of 29th Street SE, Washington, DC. Police say the driver checked on him then left the scene. Mr. Johnson's family made the decision to take him off life support, and he passed away on July 17.

On Saturday, August 5th, as part of the East of the River Bike Clinic, Burgess Johnson's family will host a memorial at the Anacostia Library. The family will ask the public's help in finding the hit-and-run driver, dedicate a ghost bike, and seek support for funeral expenses.

East of the River Bike Clinics are in their sixth summer. The Bike House, DC Public Library, Gearin' Up, VéloCity Bike Coop, Phoenix Bikes, Chrome, The Washington Area Bicyclist Association and community volunteers team up to provide bike repair services to residents of Ward 7 and 8.

"Ghost Bikes are small and somber memorials for bicyclists who are killed or hit on the street. A bicycle is painted all white and locked to a street sign near the crash site, accompanied by a small plaque. They serve as reminders of the tragedy that took place on an otherwise anonymous street corner, and as quiet statements in support of cyclists' right to safe travel." — From ghostbikes.org

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