

# Police ID victim in collision

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Alexander C. Manipol was the eighth traffic fatality victim this year, according to Guam police.

The Guam Police Department released his name yesterday afternoon in a press release. Police couldn't release the man's name on Wednesday pending notification of his next of kin.

The 44-year-old Manipol was driving an older model Toyota Tercel when his vehicle and an oncoming Nissan Versa collided head-on while traveling in opposite directions along Ysengsong Road near Park Mart on Wednesday, according to police.

Emergency responders had to remove the victim from his wrecked car, according to Officer A.J. Balajadia, who served as Guam Police Department spokesman at the time.

Manipol became the island's eighth fatality this year. The island saw 12 traffic-related deaths last year.

Meanwhile, the 61-year-old Nissan driver was released from the Naval Hospital Wednesday.

Police are still looking into possible causes to rule out, or examine further – including alcohol, speeding, and the use of a seat belt.