

Cape Town cyclist injured in 'horrific accident' on Chapman's Peak

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A cyclist has been hurt in a crash on Chapman's Peak.
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- **A Cape Town cyclist was seriously injured in an accident on Chapman's Peak Drive.**
- **A motorbike reportedly crashed into the cyclist.**
- **The cycling community has called for more awareness among road users following the accident.**

"I've never seen anything like that in my life, and I hope I never see anything like it again."

These were the words of cyclist Anton Chait who watched in horror as a motorbike collided with his friend Brent Herbert while they were cycling on Chapman's Peak Drive on Sunday.

Herbert, affectionately known as Herbie to his friends, had been cycling on the road when the motorbike rider, it is alleged, crossed over a white line on a blind corner and collided with him head-on.

"It doesn't matter if you were Lance Armstrong, anyone would have gotten smashed," said Chait.

Fifty-six-year-old Herbert was seriously injured and is receiving treatment in hospital.

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The morning started out no different than countless others.

Herbert and Chait met at a parking lot opposite the Chapman's Peak Hotel at 06:45.

By 07:10, they reached a resting spot on the mountain pass, where they had a "minute or two's break".

"I said to him: 'You lead the way. I don't particularly enjoy this stretch. I'll see you at the coffee shop,'" said Chait.

But 250m down the road, Herbert was flung from his bike.

Chait, who was following 10m behind, said he witnessed the accident.

"There was a Landcruiser in the oncoming lane and a superbike behind it. Because I was 10m behind Herbie, I could see the bike. He couldn't," said Chait.

The biker allegedly swung out to overtake the Landcruiser, crossing a solid line on a blind corner and moving more than a metre into the lane in which Herbert was.

He was allegedly following a group of between eight and 12 other bikers, all riding superbikes and travelling fast, according to Chait.

Pedal Power Association CEO Neil Robinson described the scene as a "horrific accident".

He said:

The bicycle ended up perched on the mountainside because it was flung so far.

"Fortunately, we had a safe cycling team in the area, and there were a lot of cyclists around, so people were on the scene very quickly."

Chait described Herbert as "a careful rider who is fastidious about safety".

"If anyone is going to chew you out about your light not working, it's Herbie," he said.

Chait added that the biker, who was wearing leathers and a helmet, had managed to walk away.

"What astounds me is that neither he nor his friends even came to see if Herbie was okay," said Chait.

Robinson said the matter was under investigation and that they hoped the rider would be apprehended.

He said:

It really goes back to lawlessness on our roads and a lack of respect for other road users.

"We need consequences for those who break the law."

Chait added: "If only we could all just practise tolerance and care on the roads and respect fellow road users. Cyclists aren't saints, I know that. But in this case, I would just like to know what was going through that biker's head."

News24 was not able to reach Herbert's family by the time of publication.

Police spokesperson Captain FC Van Wyk said that Hout Bay police were investigating a reckless and negligent driving case.

"Anyone with any information about this accident is kindly requested to contact the investigating officer Detective Warrant Officer Swart on 021 791 9304 or Crime Stop on 08600 10111," he said.