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### Cyclone Hockey Announces Passing of Forward Marcus Andary

*Killed at scene of accident on Interstate 94 in St. Paul, Minn.*

**December 19, 2011 – Ames, Iowa** – Cyclone Hockey is extremely sad to announce the passing of forward, teammate, and friend Marcus Andary.

Initial reports from St. Paul, Minnesota, are that Andary was killed just before 11:00 p.m., Sunday, December 18, at the scene of a car accident on Interstate 94. According to those reports, Andary was assisting the driver of an initial accident when that driver's car and Andary, as well as a witness to the initial accident, were struck by another vehicle. Cyclone Hockey has no concrete information from official sources investigating the accident and will not comment further at this time on any circumstances surrounding the accident.

Speaking on behalf of Cyclone Hockey, General Manager and Head Coach Dr. Alan Murdoch said of learning of Andary's passing: "It's one of those things in life that's shocking. It doesn't seem right, particularly around this time year, Christmas, when everybody's supposed to be happy and upbeat, and this puts a damper on it."

Andary, the recipient of Cyclone Hockey's James Russo Academic Award for the 2010-11 season, had not played for the Cyclones in 2011-12, as he had chosen to concentrate on his studies and also make sure all personal financial matters remained in good order. The door was open for Andary to return whenever he wanted, though, as he was a prototypical Cyclone Hockey player.

"Being a business major, with an emphasis on supply chain management, who had a 4.0 grade point average his freshman year of college, he was the example of what Cyclone Hockey tries to recruit—an outstanding academic student, an outstanding citizen, and an excellent role model for other people and teammates," said Murdoch of Andary.

During his freshman year, Andary scored 5 goals and 12 assists in 38 games, but over the course of the year became one of the Cyclones' go-to guys in the face-off circle and one of the team's top penalty killers. In fact, Murdoch, who is in his 43<sup>rd</sup> year as head coach of Cyclone Hockey, said of Andary, "He was probably one of the best penalty killers we've ever had."

Cyclone Hockey had not re-assigned Andary's number, 24, to any player for the 2011-12 season, and the team would have been pleased to have assigned it back to Andary and again put his nameplate back up on number 24's locker stall.

"He definitely was a player that I would have loved to have seen back to give it a good run for a national championship spring semester," said Murdoch of Andary. "It would have made the transition very easy just filling that locker number 24 and wearing that jersey."

Cyclone Hockey will make further announcements in the coming days regarding the passing of Andary. Andary, a sophomore from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., was only 21 years old.

Cyclone Hockey sends its heartfelt condolences and prayers to Marcus's family and friends. He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by the Cyclone Hockey family.