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An Indianapolis man died of apparent health-related problems on Sunday, May 27, on the second day of a motorcycle rally at the Scott County Fairgrounds.

The rally took place over the Memorial Day weekend with several special events scheduled for members of the Iron Order Motorcycle Club.

John A. Carroll, 44, had traveled down from his home with fellow motorcyclists to enjoy the rally. He was sleeping in a tent, which Scottsburg officers said was pitched in the middle of the fairgrounds.

Temperatures reached the low 90s on both Saturday and Sunday of the rally. Chris Green of Seymour, a friend of Carroll's, told Sgt. Joe Nicholson and Lt. David Hardin of the Scottsburg Police Department, that he had talked to Carroll around 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. Green said that Carroll had told him he was thirsty, and he drank a half-bottle of water before lying back down on an air mattress in the tent.

Green said Carroll was on several medications and had possibly over-medicated himself on Saturday, May 26, Sgt. Nicholson's report related.

Around 11:30 a.m., another friend, Jerry Taylor of Greenwood, went to check on Carroll and found the man unresponsive. He called 9-1-1 for help, which brought Scott County EMS and the police to the scene as well as Scott County Coroner Kevin Collins.

Collins pronounced Carroll dead at the scene. The temperature inside the tent was reported to be around 130 degrees. The heat as well as Carroll's body weight, estimated at around 400 pounds, and related health problems may have contributed to the man's death, but the exact cause will not be known for another two weeks.

Toxicology test results should be available after that time, advised Collins.

The matter will remain under investigation until then, he added.

Carroll was a native of Beech Grove, a suburb on the south side of Indianapolis. His funeral was conducted on Thursday, May 31, at the Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel in Southport.