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Paul Williams, the former welterweight and junior middleweight champion known for being a fearless hitter in the ring, was in a motorcycle accident on Sunday near Atlanta, and is currently paralyzed from the waist down.

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A report from WRDW-TV, a Georgia station, said Williams, aged 30, is conscious and alert. He will have surgery on Wednesday, to protect the upper half of the spine, which wasn't damaged. The boxer was slated to face off with young gun Canelo Alvarez on Sept. 15. His record now stands at 41-2 with 27 KOs. The 6-1 lefty, affectionately known as "Long Tall Paul" on TSS, holds wins over Carlos Quintana, Antonio Margarito, Winky Wright and Sergio Martinez.

The TSS community sounds out our well wishes at this difficult time to the boxer, his family, and friends.

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amayseng says:

this is horrific news.
absolutely sick to my stomach for paul.

i pray for a miraculous recovery.

brownsugar says:

ditto,.. horrifying is the word.. I had Paul at 50/50 vs Canelo in september. Losing too many boxers to motorcycle accidents... my prays go out to Paul and his family.

ali says:

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i agree ali, too unsafe, you can be doing everything right and somebody run a light and ruin your life or end it....

the Roast says:

Bad news for LTP. I wish you the best of luck going forward. I hate motorcycles. When I was a young Roast, about 18 years old, one of my buddies crashed on a motorcycle. His ball sack was ripped in half. I went to visit him in the hospital. He said,"Do you want to see it?" Young Roast says "No no no" My pal pulls aside the sheet to reveal something the Roast will never

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forget. I swore to myself never to get on a motorcycle. The risk is not worth it. I hope you walk again and live a normal life Paul.

dino da vinci says:

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