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Yordano Ventura, a pitcher for the Kansas City Royals, died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017, according to multiple news sources. He was 25.

The Kansas City Royals organization confirmed Ventura's death. A police collision occurred in the town of Juan Adrian.

Ventura had been with the Royals since 2013. The young pitcher had a career

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The Royals released a heartfelt statement on Ventura's death:

"The Kansas City Royals regretfully announce the passing of Yordano Ventura, a Dominican Republic. There are no details available at this time regarding the

"Our prayers right now are with Yordano's family as we mourn this young man, president of baseball operations and general manager. "He was so young and he brought a smile to everyone he interacted with. We will get through this as we celebrate the life of Yordano."

Ventura had a rocket for a fastball that he could throw at speeds exceeding 100 mph. The Royals won the World Series.

Ventura took the nickname Ace Ventura. He made nine postseason starts with the

In 2014, Ventura's friend and fellow countryman, St. Louis Cardinals outfielder Matt Kemp, paid tribute to his friend when he wore a cap with "RIP O.T. #18" written on it for 18 innings in that start to help lift the Royals to a decisive 6-1 victory.

Teammates and MLB players paid tribute to Ventura on social media:

Royals third baseman Mike Moustakas wrote, "I love you Ace. I don't know what to say other than RIP Yordano."

Red Sox pitcher David Price wrote, "What terrible news this morning! RIP Yordano. Condolences to his family."

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