



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
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REPORT OF COLLISION - NEWS RELEASE

TYPE OF COLLISION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fatal <input type="checkbox"/> Hit & Run <input type="checkbox"/> Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Property Damage	DATE 05/14/2023	TIME 19:30	INVESTIGATING OFFICER CHP Ofc. R. Smith	AREA Garberville					
LOCATION Mexico Ridge Road south of Mendocino Pass Rd.				WEATHER Warm					
PERSONS INVOLVED NAME	PARTY NO.	AGE	SEX	SAFETY EQUIP USED	CITY OF RESIDENCE	DIR. OF TRAVEL	VEHICLE YEAR & MAKE	INJURY/HOSPITAL	*ARREST
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* Information provided on this document is in accordance with Government Code sections 6254(f) and 6254(f)(2).

For purposes of the CHP 288, fatal victim information is releasable through the coroner.

SUMMARY
On March 14, 2023 at approximately 1930 hours, E. Rodriguez Vizcarra was operating a 2005 Polaris Sportsman on Mexico Ridge Road south of Mendocino Pass Road within unincorporated Mendocino County. For reason still under investigation, Vizcarra lost control of the Polaris while traveling down a steep portion of the dirt roadway and he failed to negotiate a sharp curve towards his right. The Polaris left the roadway and overturned down an embankment. Subsequently, Vizcarra was ejected from the Polaris and he succumbed to his injuries on scene.

The California Highway Patrol, Cal Fire, Medi Star Ambulance, Covelo Fire Department, and the Mendocino County Sheriff's Department all responded to the scene. This collision remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol - Garberville Area.

SUBMITTED BY: N. D. Powell, Sergeant	DATE 05/15/2023	TIME 02:48	CORONER'S OFFICE CASE NUMBER 2023-10077
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