



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		DATE 07/01/2023	TIME 05:32	INVESTIGATING OFFICER J. Smith			AREA Garberville		
<input type="checkbox"/> Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Property Damage		LOCATION US -101 near MPM 101 MEN 75.30			WEATHER Clear and Calm at Dawn				
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 7/01/2023, at 0532 hours, a Garberville Resident Post unit out of Laytonville was advised of a solo vehicle down the embankment and debris in the roadway. CalFire and Laytonville Fire responded. Upon their arrival, they located a solo occupant trapped in the vehicle. However, by the time the occupant was able to be extricated from the vehicle, the occupant succumbed to her injuries on scene.

Preliminary investigation indicates the vehicle was traveling N/B on US-101, when for reasons still under investigation, the vehicle veered off of the east side of the roadway where it struck the embankment, causing the vehicle to overturn, travel across all three lanes of traffic, and down the embankment on the west side of the roadway. The identity of the driver is being withheld pending notification of next-of-kin.

No indication on a second vehicle involved. No suspected mechanical failure. Alcohol or drugs do not appear to be a factor.

The California Highway Patrol, Cal Fire, Laytonville Fire Department, Medi Star Ambulance, 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: CHP - Garberville	DATE 07/03/2023	TIME 13:00	CORONER'S OFFICE CASE NUMBER 2023-14036
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