



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
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TYPE OF COLLISION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fatal <input type="checkbox"/> Hit & Run <input type="checkbox"/> Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Property Damage		DATE 11/28/2023	TIME 02:50	INVESTIGATING OFFICER C. Peterson	AREA Ukiah				
LOCATION SR-253 just east of 9501 SR-253				WEATHER Cold/Dry/Dark					
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

At an unknown time sometime between 1500 hours on 11/27/23 and 0200 hours on 11/28/23, a red Honda Civic driven by Erica Gonzalez was traveling eastbound on SR-253 in the area of 9501 SR-253 at an unknown speed. As the Honda approached a slight left hand curve in the roadway, Gonzalez allowed the Honda to exit the roadway and travel off the roadway down a steep grass embankment approximately 400 feet. As the Civic traveled down the embankment, it collided with a tree and a dirt access road and continued in a southerly direction rolling several times. As a result, the 2010 Honda sustained major roll over damage.

The driver of the Honda Civic, identified as Erica Gonzalez, was ejected from the Honda and succumbed to her injuries as a result of this crash. The death investigation is being handled by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office (MCSO). At this time, it does not appear alcohol or drugs were a contributing factor to the crash.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Officer and CalTrans responded to the scene to assist with the California Highway Patrol's ongoing investigation.

SUBMITTED BY: C. Peterson	DATE 11/28/2023	TIME 07:00	CORONER'S OFFICE CASE NUMBER 23-25650
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