



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 04/11/2022	TIME 14:35	INVESTIGATING OFFICER J. Smith			AREA Garberville		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Property Damage		LOCATION US-101 south of Spy Rock Road			WEATHER Cold, Cloudy, Daylight				
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 04/11/2022, at approximately 1435 hours, a brown Nissan pickup truck with one occupant was traveling northbound on US-101 south of Spy Rock Road. A white Peterbilt truck tractor with a flatbed trailer hauling pallets of soil with a solo occupant was traveling southbound on US-101 south of Spy Rock Road just north of the Nissan. For reasons still under investigation, the Nissan crossed from the northbound lane over the solid double yellow lines into the southbound lane into the direct path of the Peterbilt. The Nissan struck the Peterbilt head on and both vehicles and the Peterbilts load came to rest blocking the entire portion of US-101. As a result of the crash the Nissan became fully engulfed in flames and the driver died at the scene. The driver of the Peterbilt sustained major injuries and was transported to Howard Memorial Hospital from the scene for medical care. US-101 was closed in both directions for approximately six hours for the investigation, clean-up and vehicle recovery. It is unknown at this time if drugs or alcohol were a factor in this crash.

There were two dogs in the Nissan at the time of the crash. One of the dogs died as a result of the crash and the other was taken to the Mendocino County Animal Control Shelter.

The California Highway Patrol, Cal-Trans, Laytonville Fire Department, Cal Fire, Mendocino County Sheriffs Department, and Mendocino County Animal Control all responded to the scene. This collision remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol - Garberville Area.

SUBMITTED BY: K. Enger	DATE 04/12/2022	TIME 08:00	CORONER'S OFFICE CASE NUMBER Pending
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