



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 06/13/2016	TIME 18:25	INVESTIGATING OFFICER R. Cisek	AREA Newhall					
<input type="checkbox"/> Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Property Damage	LOCATION Ward Road west of Sierra Highway			WEATHER Clear					
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 June 13, 2016, at approximately 1825 hours, Party 1 was driving V-1 on westbound Ward Road in the #2 lane approaching Sierra Highway. P-2 was driving V-2, with a loaded trailer, following V-1 at an unknown distance. As V-1 passed by Sierra Highway, while remaining on Ward Road, P-1 slowed V-1 and began to steer V-1 towards the right curb as if it was going to stop. Seeing V-1 pulling to the right and slowing, P-2 changed lanes to the #1 lane and accelerated V-2 to approximately 40 mph as it began to pass V-1. For unknown reasons, P-1 suddenly accelerated V-1 from the right curb and turned left across the #2 lane and directly into the path of V-2 in the #1 lane. P-2 abruptly applied the brakes of V-2 and veered to the left attempting to avoid a collision. The front right of V-2 struck the left side doors of V-1. The impact of V-2 into V-1 caused V-1 to become lodged on the front of V-2. Due to the weight of V-2 and its trailer, combined with its speed of travel, V-2 pushed V-1 across the eastbound #1 and #2 lanes of Sierra Highway before coming to a stop. After the collision, V-2 came to rest blocking the #2 lane of Sierra Highway eastbound facing a westerly direction. V-1 came to rest partially blocking the #2 lane of Sierra Highway eastbound and partially resting on the dirt shoulder facing a southerly direction. Party 1 was transported, via life flight, to Antelope Valley Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Alcohol or drug impairment is still under investigation at this time. The name of the deceased is being withheld at this time pending notification of next of kin by the Los Angeles Coroner's Office. The roadway was closed to westbound traffic for approximately two hours to facilitate the investigation.

SUBMITTED BY: P. Reyes 13207	DATE 06/14/2016	TIME 00:30	CORONER'S OFFICE CASE NUMBER
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