

Fatal Pedestrian Accident Remains Under Investigation in Del Norte County

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The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is continuing to investigate a fatal pedestrian accident that occurred on the evening of Wednesday, November 20, 2024. The incident happened at approximately 6:00 PM on US-101, south of Humboldt Road, near Crescent City.

The collision involved a 2023 Ford Transit Van driven by Robert Rodriguez. Joshua Mark Girard, age 69, Eureka was the bicyclist /pedestrian fatality on the 101 Highway, near Humboldt Rd, south of Crescent City. Rodriguez has not been cited or arrested for the incident, but the CHP will continue to explore the circumstances, according to Officer Pete Rodriguez of the CHP.

Authorities have not released the victim's identity, pending notification of family members, whom they are continuing to try to contact, according to a spokesperson for the Del Norte Sheriff's office.

Preliminary findings indicate that drugs and alcohol did not play a role in the crash. However, CHP officers are still working to piece together the circumstances leading to the crash. Investigators are examining factors

such as road and weather conditions, visibility at the time of the accident, and the actions of both the driver and the pedestrian.

US-101 is a heavily traveled roadway in Northern California, and the area near Crescent City can present challenges for drivers and pedestrians, particularly during evening hours. Authorities are urging anyone who may have witnessed the accident or has additional information to contact the CHP at (707) 218-2000.

Further updates are expected as the investigation progresses.