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FATAL VEHICLE COLLISION, SR-162

On October 12th, 2025, at 1959 hours, The CHP Garberville Area (Laytonville Resident Post) units were dispatched to SR-162, north of Poonkinney Road, for a vehicle vs pedestrian crash. The Humboldt Communications Center (HCC) was notified that the involved vehicle fled the scene southbound on SR-162. Prior to CHP arrival, medical personnel provided life saving measures but ultimately pronounced the victim (pedestrian) deceased on scene. SR-162 was shut down for approximately four and a half hours during the investigation.

A witness account placed the pedestrian within the traffic lanes of SR-162. The pedestrian was reportedly in the southbound lane when a 2019 Toyota 4Runner, driven by Sandra Yocselin Acosta Deloera (20-year-old resident of Covelo, Ca), struck the pedestrian, and for reasons still under investigation, failed to stop at the crash scene. At approximately 2148 hours, HCC was contacted by a family member of Acosta Deloera to report the crash. CHP units, assisted by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, responded to the driver's residence where Acosta Deloera was interviewed and the involved vehicle was located.

The identity of the pedestrian is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

This crash is still under active investigation by the California Highway Patrol – Garberville Area. If any member of the public has pertinent information regarding the crash, please contact the CHP Garberville Office at 707-932-6100.

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