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REPORT OF COLLISION - NEWS RELEASE

TYPE OF COLLISION	DATE	TIME	INVESTIGATING OFFICER	AREA
☒ Fatal ☐ Hit & Run	03/31/2016	00:02	R. Lawson #14567	Hanford
☐ Injury ☐ Property Damage	LOCATION: Lemoore Naval Air Station			WEATHER: Cool, Calm, and Dry

PERSONS INVOLVED NAME	PARTY NO.	AGE	SEX	SAFETY EQUIP USED	CITY OF RESIDENCE	DIR. of TRAVEL	VEHICLE YEAR & MAKE	INJURY/HOSPITAL	*ARREST
☒ Driver ☐ Passenger ☐ Pedestrian ☐ Motorcyclist ☐ Bicyclist Anthony Castillo	1	29	☒ M ☐ F	☒ YES ☐ NO	Campbell, CA	☒ N ☐ W ☐ E ☐ S	1997 Jeep	☐ MINOR ☐ MODERATE ☐ MAJOR ☒ FATAL Kings County Coroner's Office	☒ YES ☐ NO
☐ Driver ☒ Passenger ☐ Pedestrian ☐ Motorcyclist ☐ Bicyclist Melissa Miller	1	36	☐ M ☒ F	☒ YES ☐ NO	San Jose, CA	☒ N ☐ W ☐ E ☐ S	1997 Jeep	☐ MINOR ☐ MODERATE ☐ MAJOR ☒ FATAL Kings County Coroner's Office	☐ YES ☒ NO
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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 03/30/2016 at 11:38 hours CHP Officers driving a marked black and white patrol utility vehicle observed a 1997 Purple Jeep Grand Cherokee on the right hand shoulder of Jackson Avenue just west of the intersection of State Route 41. The officers pulled in behind the vehicle to check on the occupants and turned on their spotlights. The Jeep drove away just before the officers exited. The vehicle drove away erratically, weaving, and crossing the centerline. The officers activated their emergency lights and attempted to pull the vehicle over. The Jeep fled at a high rate of speed westbound on Jackson Avenue. The Jeep failed to stop at the posted stop sign at Avenal Cutoff Road and entered State Route 198 eastbound. The vehicle traveled wrong way on the State Route 198 for a short distance and then crossed the center divider. Just east of Enterprise Avenue CHP Officers re engaged the pursuit of the Jeep. The Jeep continued turned onto the Enterprise Avenue then onto Reeves Bypass. The Jeep continued on Reeves Bypass at a high rate of speed and entered the Operations Side of the Lemoore Naval Air Station. CHP officers on the ground lost visual of the Jeep and shortly after CHP Helicopter H40 located the Jeep driving within the secured area. H40 continued to monitor the Jeep and notified ground units of its location. While the the Jeep was traveling though the secured area it collided into the rear portion of a parked F/A-18 Super Hornet. The right front passenger sustained fatal injuries as a result of this collision. The driver was transported to Community Regional Medical Center in Fresno where he succumbed to his injuries.

This incident remains under investigation and it is unknown at this time if alcohol or drugs are a factor. Any questions regarding this incident can be directed to the Hanford CHP Office at (559)582-0231 or the Lemoore Naval Air Station Public Affairs Office at (559)998-3393.

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