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VICTORVILLE — Southbound Interstate 15 traffic was at its usual crawl through the Victor Valley Monday afternoon as motorists made their ways back home to end Labor Day weekend.

Traffic was backed up from just south of Highway 138 to Main Street at 4 p.m., stemming from a collision between a truck and motorcycle reported just before 1 p.m.

California Highway Patrol traffic logs showed the motorcyclist was laying down in the No. 2 lane and the No. 1 lane was blocked for just under an hour.

San Bernardino County Fire Department County spokesman Eric Sherwin said the motorcyclist was taken by ambulance to a local trauma center with undisclosed injuries.

Traffic was light through the area before the crash.

Two people were killed in a collision on Highway 138 Monday afternoon, which prompted authorities to issue a Sig Alert at 1:44 p.m. Authorities blocked traffic on Highway 138 between Lone Pine Road and the Shell Gas Station, just off I-15.

Sherwin said two people were killed and two others injured in the multi-vehicle collision roughly a mile west of I-15. Sherwin said the crash was reported just after 1:30 p.m. and two people were pronounced dead at the scene.

Further information on the collision was not immediately available Monday afternoon.

Tustin resident Dave Merrifield said he left Las Vegas early Monday morning in hopes of beating the traffic, but ultimately hit a small slowdown just south of stateline.

CHP traffic logs reported a property damage collision involving multiple vehicles at approximately 8:30 a.m. on southbound I-15, just north of Cima Road. The crash backed up traffic for several miles in the Mountain Pass.

CHP issued a traffic advisory just before noon saying the backup was due to the collision reported at 8:30 a.m.

Traffic remained backed up in that area in the late afternoon.

“My wife didn’t want to wake up at 6 so we were a bit late getting on the road,” Merrifield, 49, said a little after noon as he pumped gas at the Arco on Hook Blvd. “The backup wasn’t all that bad, but still would have been nice to get home without any traffic. I’m kind of worried to see what traffic will be like near the Corona on the 91.”

Mira Loma resident Art Fernandez also exited I-15 at Roy Rogers Drive to fill up on gas and grab some snacks after seeing reports on his GPS of slow traffic ahead.

“You prepare yourself for traffic on the final day of a holiday no matter where you go,” Fernandez said. “We left Lake Havasu early because last year we had a really long trip back home. Once we get down the Cajon, we should be home within an hour. The tough part is getting down there.”

Fernandez said he came across a small patch of traffic near Ludlow on Interstate 40.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner’s office said a 25-year-old Cypress man was killed in a single vehicle rollover on I-40, just west of Ludlow, at approximately 5:03 a.m. According to the coroner’s report, Cody Brown was pronounced dead at the scene after his vehicle rolled over into the center divider.

Further information was not available and the crash was under investigation by the CHP.

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