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## **Hemet man, 39, killed in Johnson Valley offroad crash**

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News

Posted: January 5, 2018

JOHNSON VALLEY, Calif. (VVNG.com) – Nathan Alan Comstock, 39, of Hemet was killed in an off-roading accident in Johnson Valley.

It happened Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at about 3:38 am, after dispatch received reports of a rollover crash involving an off-highway vehicle.

California Highway Patrol Officers from the Morongo station responded and found a Jeep that had lost control and rolled several times down a hill, officials said.

Nathan was pronounced dead at the scene by the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

The California Highway Patrol-Morongo Basin is investigating the incident.

Johnson Valley is a small unincorporated community in San Bernardino County in Southern California between the Victor Valley and Morongo Basin areas of the High Desert region of California.

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## **Child Left in Cold Car — Woman Arrested for Cruelty**

Staff Writer, Mountain News

Posted: Thursday, January 4, 2018, 9:57 a.m.

A Twin Peaks resident was arrested and sent to the Central Detention Center (CDC) in San Bernardino on a charge of willful cruelty to a child who was left unattended in a vehicle for five-and-a-half hours, according to a press release from the Twin Peaks Sheriff's Station.

A passerby called 9-1-1 after hearing the victim crying in a parked vehicle on Dec. 20 at approximately 12:30 p.m. The child was alone. Deputy Nic Ferronato responded to the call in the 26200 block of Boulder Lane in Twin Peaks and discovered that the little girl did not have any water, and was sitting in a soiled diaper and clothing. The temperature was approximately 46 degrees and the girl was not properly dressed for the weather, according to the deputy's report.

Ferronato requested assistance from the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, which provided paramedics to check on the victim's well-being. While fire department personnel attended to the child, Ferronato began a door-to-door check of residences in an effort to find the victim's parents or guardians.

Several doors down from the vehicle, he located Carol Harrison, 50, a relative of the victim. Harrison had been asleep when Ferronato contacted her, and reportedly stated that she came home at approximately 7 a.m. After allegedly leaving the 17-month-old girl in the car, she apparently fell asleep on the couch.

Harrison was arrested for California Penal Code §273A(A), willful cruelty to a child. The victim was placed in the care of the Department of Children and Family Services.

Harrison is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail at the CDC.

Anyone who has information regarding this case should contact Deputy Ferronato at the Twin Peaks station, (909) 336-0600. Anonymous information may be left at the WeTip Hotline: 1 (800) 78-CRIME.

[http://www.mountain-news.com/news/crime\\_log/article\\_c716a7c2-f178-11e7-aa71-b7e4cfb4c495.html](http://www.mountain-news.com/news/crime_log/article_c716a7c2-f178-11e7-aa71-b7e4cfb4c495.html)

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## **1 killed in multi-car crash on Palmdale Road Wednesday**

Paola Baker , Daily Press

Posted: January 3, 2018, 7:31 p.m.

VICTORVILLE — Authorities said a man was killed in a crash involving multiple vehicles on Palmdale Road Wednesday evening.

Reported just after 5:30 p.m., the crash occurred at the intersection of Palmdale and Emerald roads. San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department officials confirmed one man died on scene, while four other people were injured.

According to Victorville Sheriff's Station Deputy Jeff Dean, a white Chevy Equinox, a gray Honda Accord, a burgundy Lexus and a black Toyota Celica were involved in the crash. Specific details were scarce due to the ongoing investigation, but Dean said the incident began when one vehicle rear-ended another.

“That vehicle then lost control, struck a vehicle, and was broadsided by another vehicle,” Dean said.

The Equinox and Celica ended up on dirt shoulders off the roadway in opposite directions, with the Equinox facing east and the Celica facing west. The other two vehicles, which were heavily damaged, were in the middle of the roadway as officials investigated the scene.

The driver of the burgundy Lexus was pronounced dead on scene, Dean said. His identity is being withheld pending positive identification and notification of next of kin.

**San Bernardino County Fire** Department personnel were requested to transport four injured persons, spokesman Eric Sherwin said. Further updates on their condition weren't available.

Palmdale Road was closed down in both directions from Cobalt to Cantina roads as officials investigated the crash. Dean said the closure was expected to last until midnight.

The crash remains under investigation by the Victorville Sheriff's Station Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT).

The investigation is ongoing, and anyone with information is urged to contact the Victorville Sheriff's Station at 760-241-2911. Persons wishing to remain anonymous can contact the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-782-7463 or online at [www.wetip.com](http://www.wetip.com).

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