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Driver killed, passenger airlifted after car slams into back of semi on I-15 in Hesperia

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HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A driver was killed and his passenger was airlifted to a trauma center after crashing into the back of a moving semi on the I-15 freeway in Hesperia.

It happened at about 1:30 am, on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, along the northbound I-15, just north of the Main Street off-ramp.

For reasons still under investigation, a 2003 silver Honda Accord occupied by two males, slammed into the back of tractor-trailer combination.

The impact caused the vehicle to crush underneath the semi, leaving the people inside trapped underneath the mangled vehicle.

San Bernardino County Firefighters responded to the incident and pronounced the driver deceased and requested an airship to transport the passenger to a trauma center.

California Highway Patrol officers temporarily stopped traffic and allowed the helicopter to land on the freeway. An update on the condition of the male airlifted was not available.

Serena Alazae Garza was traveling in the fast lane behind the Honda and witnessed the crash. According to Serena, the Honda was traveling at average speeds when it started swerving to the right and crashed into the left of the semi.

"It is 100% to my belief and the other 2 who witnessed that the driver fell asleep," stated Serena.

Serena shared a 10-second clip of the crash in the Victor Valley News Group VVNG.com on Facebook showing sparks flying from the vehicle as it was briefly dragged by the semi.

Serena spoke with the driver of the semi who told her, he felt as if someone bumped him then he had noticed smoke and that's when he slowed down to pull over.

The California Highway Patrol Victorville station is handling the investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call 760-241-1186.

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Cases of coronavirus climb; two positive tests in Yucca Valley

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Technicians from the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health conduct their first drive-through tests for the new coronavirus Friday, March 27. San Bernardino County

SAN BERNARDINO — The number of county residents who have tested positive for the new coronavirus continued to climb this week as the sheriff's and fire departments both reported cases and a nursing home in Yucaipa suffered an outbreak.

San Bernardino County reported 125 people had tested positive by Tuesday, March 24, and four deaths have been connected to the coronavirus.

Less than 1 percent of all county residents have been tested — 1,948 people.

Those who have tested positive include two people in Yucca Valley and none in Twentynine Palms, new city listings of coronavirus tests showed.

The commanding general of the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Brig. Gen. Roger Turner, said Monday, March 30, that no one aboard the base has tested positive.

Cases in unincorporated communities like Joshua Tree, Morongo Valley and Landers are not listed by the county.

The sick include 12 elderly residents of a nursing facility in Yucaipa who tested positive for COVID-19 on Saturday, March 28.

Another resident of the nursing home, an 89-year-old woman with underlying health issues, died from COVID-19 Thursday, March 26.

A resident of a second nursing facility in Mentone is presenting symptoms of the disease, the county announced.

Public Health professionals are working with both facilities to expedite the immediate testing of everyone who lives and works in both facilities, according to the county.

County residents who have tested positive also include two sheriff's deputies who work in county jails. The Sheriff's Department announced they had tested positive Sunday, March 29.

The **county fire** department announced on the same day that two firefighters have tested positive for the new coronavirus. These are the first two positive cases of firefighter first responders within the county.

One works for the county fire department and the other for the Montclair Fire Department.

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