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Media Release

Fernley Man Dies in Motorcycle Crash in Churchill County While Attempting to Elude Deputies

The Nevada Highway Patrol's Major Accident Investigation Team is investigating a fatality crash involving a motorcyclist who died after crashing his bike around 9:00 pm this past Friday evening in Fallon.

Shortly before the collision happened, a deputy with the Churchill County Sheriff's Office observed the rider of a black 2004 Honda CBR600RR commit a traffic violation on Harrigan Road and was preparing to make an enforcement stop. The motorcyclist ignored the emergency lights and siren of the marked patrol vehicle and sped away. The deputy lost sight of the eluding bike but he believed the rider may have turned right onto New River Parkway, which has no outlet, and parked his patrol vehicle near that intersection.

A short time later the motorcyclist doubled back to the intersection, saw the patrol vehicle, and accelerated away once more. The rider, now traveling east again on New River Parkway, failed to negotiate a right hand turn as he applied heavy braking. The motorcycle struck an adjacent roadside curb before hitting a tree and ejected 23-year-old Gregory L. Vasquez of Fernley. Vasquez was unresponsive at the scene and was transported to Banner Churchill Community Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

Trooper Doug Farris is investigating this crash. Witnesses or anyone with additional information about this event are encouraged to contact him at (775) 689-4614 or dfarris@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP-140800112.

