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BICYCLIST FATAL CRASH IN MERCED COUNTY

Merced County, CA - On September 11, 2025, at 11:20 p.m., the Merced Communication Center (MCC) advised CHP Merced Area Units of a crash involving a vehicle and a bicyclist near Bloss Avenue, east of Golf Link Road. Upon arrival of medical and emergency personnel, it was determined that the bicyclist had succumbed to his injuries.

A preliminary investigation determined that a 60-year-old male from Hilmar, CA, was riding his bicycle westbound on Bloss Avenue, east of Golf Link Road. The bicyclist was riding in a low-light area of a county road, equipped with a small red flashing light and a small flashlight activated in the front.

A 16-year-old male driver from Stevenson, CA, was driving a 2015 Infiniti Q50 westbound on Bloss Avenue at a stated speed of 60 miles per hour, approaching the bicyclist from the behind. For unknown reasons, the 16-year-old driver failed to observe the bicyclist and struck the rear of the bicycle with the right front of the Infiniti. The impact caused the bicyclist to be ejected and come to rest on the north shoulder of Bloss Avenue.

The driver of the Infiniti Q50 immediately stopped, called 911, and remained at the scene. The driver was cooperative and determined not to be impaired at the time of the crash. Unfortunately, the bicyclist succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

This traffic crash remains under investigation. For media inquiries, please contact Public Information Officer Eric C. Zuniga at (209) 356-6608. If anyone has information regarding this crash, they may contact Investigating Officer Steven Demoss at (209) 356-6600.

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