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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Death Investigation

LOCATION: Sargent Crossing @ Highway 101, Gilroy, CA 95020

CASE NUMBER: 20-206-0025G

DETAILS:

On July 24, 2020 in the early morning hours, California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officers responded to the area of Sargent Crossing and Highway 101 (south of Gilroy, CA) for a reported fire on the side of the freeway.

At approximately 2:48am, Sheriff's Office patrol deputies responded to the area after CHP Officers discovered that a man's body was burning in the fire. The man was later identified as Jerry Mungaray (40) of Gilroy, and was transported to the Santa Clara County Valley Medical Center Trauma Unit in critical condition with severe burns to his body. Mungaray eventually succumbed to his injuries and passed away at approximately 11:54pm.

Sheriff's Office detectives are actively investigating the circumstances surrounding Mungaray's death. Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office Investigative Services Division at (408) 808-4500. Alternatively, one can also contact the Sheriff's Office Investigative Services anonymous tip line at (408) 808-4431.

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