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PRESS RELEASE

Case # 23-0035

FATAL COLLISION

On Thursday, January 12, 2023 at about 7:43 pm an Orland PD officer witnessed a motorcycle traveling e/b on Walker St through the intersection of 6th St perform a "wheelie" and continue e/b on Walker St at a high rate of speed. The officer attempted to catch up to the motorcycle with lights and siren, however the motorcycle failed to yield and continued e/b on Walker St at a high rate of speed while passing other vehicles that were also e/b on Walker St.

Due to the speeds involved and risk to the public, the officer stopped trying to catch up to the motorcycle and turned off the lights and siren. The motorcycle continued e/b on E Walker St at a high rate of speed and failed to stop at the red light at the intersection of E Walker St and Papst Ave.

The motorcycle, later identified as a 2015 Yamaha FZ07, collided with a red 2019 Subaru Crosstrek that had entered the intersection, then collided with a white 2013 Toyota Corolla stopped in the w/b lane of E Walker St at the intersection of Papst Ave. The motorcyclist was ejected during the collision.

Officers came upon the collision and began life saving measures on the motorcyclist, Westside Ambulance and Orland Fire arrived quickly on scene and also began life saving measures. The motorcyclist was pronounced deceased.

The 24 y/o female driver of the Subaru Crosstrek was evaluated and released on scene. The 20 y/o female driver of the Toyota Corolla was transported by ambulance to an area hospital.

The intersection of E Walker St and Papst Ave was closed and controlled while this collision was investigated with the assistance of the California Highway Patrol and Glenn County Sheriff's Office. The roadway was opened at around 10:00 pm.

Glenn County Sheriff's Office is conducting a coroner's investigation. At the time of this press release, the decedent has been identified as Gustabo Angel Ramirez, 20, of Chico.

This collision is still under investigation and Orland PD would like to thank CHP, GCSO, Caltrans, Orland Fire, Westside Ambulance, and the Orland VIPS for their assistance during this incident.

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