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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Sergeant Andrew Kendl
Report Number: FA1600681
Date / Time Incident: May 16, 2016 / 3:06 p.m.
Location of Incident: 700 block SR-1, Fort Bragg, CA
Victim(s): Ted Demits, 59 years old, Fort Bragg, CA

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On May 16, 2016 at approximately 3:06p.m., officers from the Fort Bragg Police Department responded to a report of an injury traffic collision in the 700 block of SR-1 involving a truck and a motorcycle. Officers arrived on scene and located Ted Demits on the ground. He was being attended to by members of the Fort Bragg Fire Department until the Mendocino Coast District Hospital Ambulance arrived on scene and took over care. A Mendocino County Sheriff's Deputy and a Fish & Wildlife Warden were on scene and assisted Fort Bragg Police Department.

Officers learned that Demits was travelling south in the number one lane of SR-1 at 40 miles per hour. Demits looked up at the southbound traffic light and observed it was green but failed to notice the stopped traffic in front of him, due to a vehicle making an illegal left hand turn into the Taco Bell parking lot. Demits applied his brakes and attempted to avoid the rear of the vehicle in front of him by steering into the number two lane. Demits was unable to avoid the vehicle and struck it, causing his motorcycle to slide on its right side where it came to rest. The driver of the vehicle making the illegal left turn was not able to be identified.

Demits was transported to the Mendocino Coast District Hospital for treatment of his moderate injuries.

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