

South Lake Tahoe woman dies in motorcycle accident

Two people died on Labor Day on Nevada highways, including a woman from South Lake Tahoe.

Jennifer Lyrea Leonard, 50, of South Lake Tahoe was riding on the back of a motorcycle driven by her husband Chuck Leonard, 53, of South Lake Tahoe. She was thrown from the motorcycle and sustained fatal injuries.

According to the Nevada Highway Patrol, the Harley Davidson struck a culvert warning sign on Highway 50 at Logans Creek Drive.

“For an unknown reason the Harley Davidson failed to negotiate the bend in the road and exited onto the south dirt shoulder of Highway 50,” NHP said in a press release.

Chuck Leonard was transported by CalStar to Renown Medical Center in Reno. His condition is unknown.

Another accident on Sept. 4, about 10 minutes later at 3:25pm, was on the Mount Rose Highway west of Sky Tavern.

Patrick M. Zielke of Fallon was driving a Yamaha motorcycle east on Mount Rose when he crossed the double yellow center line and hit a motorhome head-on, according NHP troopers. He was pronounced dead at the scene. No one in the motorhome was injured.

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