

2 Incline pedestrians killed; Grass Valley man arrested

Two Incline Village residents were killed in a crosswalk by a driver who officers say was under the influence of drugs.

After the 8pm Dec. 30 accident, Christopher Torii Smith, 25, of Grass Valley was booked into the Washoe County Jail on two counts of driving under the influence causing death and failure to yield to a pedestrian. Bail was set at \$60,200.

Nevada Highway Patrol officers said the two pedestrians, whose names have not been released, were crossing Highway 28 just south of Village Boulevard when they were struck by the pickup driven by Smith, who was headed south.

The male pedestrian was pronounced dead at the scene and the female pedestrian died en route to Renown Medical Center in Reno.

Highway 28 was closed in both directions for nearly four hours.

Trooper Mike Stapledon is the lead investigator for this incident. Witnesses or anyone with additional information is asked to contact him at (775) 689.4623.

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