

Name released of South Lake Tahoe pedestrian who was killed

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The name of the man who was fatally struck by an alleged drunken driver Feb. 22 on Lake Tahoe Boulevard has been released.

John Carleton, 51, of South Lake Tahoe died at Barton Memorial Hospital.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation and autopsy results are pending.

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A South Lake Tahoe man died Friday night after being struck by a vehicle on Lake Tahoe Boulevard.



The vehicle involved in the fatal accident.

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The 51-year-old, whose name is not being released pending notification of next of kin, was near the Taco Bell when he was hit at 6:45pm Feb. 22.

Gregory Stearns, 49, of South Lake Tahoe was driving with a suspended driver's license from a prior DUI conviction. He was arrested on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving on a suspended license.

"The cause of the collision is still under investigation, initial indications are that the pedestrian was crossing Lake Tahoe Boulevard outside of a crosswalk, was wearing dark clothing in an unlit portion of the highway, and failed to yield to the oncoming traffic," police Sgt. Shannon Laney said in a statement. "The pedestrian may also have been intoxicated and has a history with the South Lake Tahoe Police department for public intoxication."

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