

Names in fatal I-80 accident released

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TRUCKEE – The California Highway Patrol has identified a man who died following a high-speed chase near Donner Summit on Monday as William Orr, 55, of Penn Valley.

After receiving a report of a reckless driver, a CHP officer pursued Orr's vehicle after he refused to pull over near Yuba Gap. Orr's car reached speeds beyond 100 mph.

Orr died after losing control of his BMW convertible, which overturned several times after striking a dirt embankment near a construction zone on westbound Interstate 80, west of Soda Springs.

Two California Conservation Corps workers, both from Fresno, were injured when the BMW overturned and struck them as they attempted to flee.

Linda Heuangpaseud, 23, was flown to a Reno hospital with head injuries. Jose Gabriel Garcia, 19, was taken to Tahoe Forest Hospital in Truckee complaining of pain.