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SINGLE VEHICLE COLLISION CLAIMS LIFE OF PLACERVILLE WOMAN

NEWS RELEASE

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Placerville, CA – A Placerville woman died as a result of injuries sustained in a single vehicle collision at 3089 Degolia Street.

On June 4th at approximately 3:11 PM, Placerville Police Officers responded to a single vehicle collision that was reported at 3089 Degolia Street. When officers arrived they found a single vehicle on its roof behind the house. The vehicle had driven through the rear wall of an elevated garage and fell approximately 20 feet to the ground, coming to rest on its roof.

The driver, 78 year old Carol Dirkse, was the only occupant of the vehicle at the time of the collision. Dirkse was transported to Marshall Hospital by ambulance for treatment. At the time she was conscious and speaking with emergency personnel.

At the hospital, Dirkse told officers she was pulling into her garage when she mistook the accelerator as the brake pedal. She accelerated rapidly, crashing through the back wall of the garage.

Marshall Hospital transferred Dirkse to UC Davis Medical Center where she later succumbed to her injuries.

The collision is still under investigation, but drug or alcohol is not suspected as a contributing factor in the collision.

The Placerville Police Department sends its condolences to the family and friends of Ms. Dirkse.