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DECLARATION OF DEATH PROTOCOL

Case No: **MCSO18-86306**

Name: **Hart, Devonte Jordan**

DOB: **10/24/2002**

Age: 16 years

Height: unknown

Weight: unknown

Sex: Male

Date of Death: 3/26/2018

Time of Death: unknown

Pathologist: Greg B. Pizarro, M.D.

Client: Mendocino County Sheriff-
Coroner

INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION: According to investigative information, the body of this 16-year-old male was never recovered. On 3/27/2018 at 1645 hours, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office was contacted to conduct a fatal traffic accident, located at the area of Juan Creek Bridge of Westport. The accident occurred on a large dirt turnout located west of Highway 1, on the south side of the Juan Creek Bridge. The vehicle was located on the shoreline, approximately 140 feet down the vista view's Cliffside. The vehicle was positioned on its roof; sustained significant damage and the roof had subsequently collapsed. Personnel from the California Highway Patrol (CHP), Westport Volunteer Fire Department, Fort Bragg Volunteer Fire Department and Cal Fire were on the scene to assist in recovery efforts. There were a total of five decedents, two of which were inside the vehicle and the remaining three were located in the vicinity of the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was subsequently identified as Jennifer Hart (please refer to MCSO18-08630-1), the front seat passenger was subsequently identified as Sarah Hart (please refer to report MCSO18-08630-2). The three other decedents who were at the vicinity of the accident were subsequently identified as Markis Hart (please refer to report MCSO18-08630-3), Abigail Hart (please refer to report MCSO18-08630-4) and Jeremiah Hart (please refer to report MCSO18-08630-5). It was later determined that three additional people were in the vehicle, one of which washed ashore several weeks later and was subsequently identified as Ciera Hart (please refer to report MCSO18-09877). The other passenger in the car, identified as Hannah Hart (please refer to report MCSO18-13080) is still missing, however, human remains inside of a shoe was recovered ashore on 5/19/2018 at 1222 hours and was later identified to be the decedent Hannah Hart. The CHP was investigating the accident (please refer to CHP report #9150-2018-00207). The decedent had an unknown past medical history.

CAUSE OF DEATH: PROBABLE ATLANTO-OCCIPITAL DISLOCATION (SECONDS)

**DUE TO: MOTOR VEHICLE PLUNGE OVER CLIFF WITH ROLLOVER AND
SUBSEQUENT EJECTION (SECONDS)**

COMMENT: We may never know the exact cause of death since the body was ejected into the ocean and was never recovered, but based on all the information of the other family members, the cause of death may be similar to those individuals at the time of the incident.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg B. Pizarro, M.D.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Greg B. Pizarro, M.D.
Pathologist

3/31/2019
Date