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CBP Statement on Agent-Involved Collision Death in Calexico

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CALEXICO, California -- At approximately 8:40 p.m., Friday evening, a U.S. Border Patrol agent assigned to the Calexico Border Patrol Station responded to the illegal entry of individuals into the United States from Mexico. Initial reporting indicates that as the agent responded to the area in his vehicle, he was unable to avoid colliding with an individual laying in the road. The agent immediately rendered aid to the injured individual until the arrival of emergency medical services.

The injured individual was initially transported to a local hospital and later airlifted to a trauma center in Palm Springs, California, where he passed away. The U.S. Border Patrol is working with relevant authorities to identify the individual. DHS OIG was notified and is conducting its assessment. The California Highway Patrol is investigating in coordination with CBP's Office of Professional Responsibility which will also review this incident.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the management, control and protection of our nation's borders at and between official ports of entry. CBP is charged with securing the borders of the United States while enforcing hundreds of laws and facilitating lawful trade and travel.

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