

Early morning crash kills two

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MIDDLETOWN – Two people died early Sunday morning in a collision that took place on Highway 29 near Middletown.

The two-vehicle accident occurred at about 5:40 a.m., according to the California Highway Patrol incident logs. One vehicle had reportedly rolled over and another was reported to be close to catching on fire.

A report from the Ukiah CHP Dispatch Center said that Highway 29 just north of Middletown was shut down because of the collision, with traffic rerouted onto Highway 175 through Cobb. The CHP logs said that traffic was shut down from Butts Canyon Road to St. Helena Road.

Officers confirmed two deaths at the scene at approximately 6:10 a.m., according to the logs. The Coroner's Office was en route to the scene later in the morning.

CHP's Ukiah Dispatch Center confirmed the two deaths at noon Sunday.

Caltrans was notified to activate signs warning of the collision, with a towing service also called to remove the vehicles.

CHP reported that both lanes of the highway were reopened to traffic by 11:47 a.m.

Lake County News will publish an update as soon as more information is available.

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