



# Chelan County Sheriff's Office

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## FATALITY COLLISION

*Sheriff Brian Burnett reports on July 20, 2019 at about 3:40pm, Deputies and EMS services responded to a reported traffic collision near the intersection of Stine Hill Rd and Pine Flats Loop Rd just west of Cashmere. Initial reports were received stating a smaller dark colored vehicle was seen and heard going extremely fast eastbound on Stine Hill Rd. A short time later reporting parties told Rivercom dispatchers of hearing a huge explosion. Callers stated the vehicle was in pieces and a subject was possibly trapped under the vehicle.*

*Upon arrival of EMS and Deputies, it was confirmed the lone occupant was killed during the crash. Stine Hill Rd was closed for several hours while the investigation took place. Chelan County Coroner Wayne Harris arrived at the scene and took possession of the deceased. Deceased was identified by family members as Jose M Arroyo-Mejia 29 years old of Cashmere.*

*During initial investigation into the collision, Deputies determined Arroyo-Mejia was travelling well above the posted 45 mph speed limit. His vehicle, a 2008 Subaru Impreza, failed to negotiate a sweeping left curve, left the edge of the roadway, struck a speed limit sign, a culvert, then flew into a rock outcropping before flipping back into the roadway and against the guardrail. Investigation continues at this time. Stine Hill Rd was re-opened about 6:30pm.*

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