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WRONG-WAY DRIVER - FATAL CRASH

Imperial County, CA – Imperial County, CA – On January 11, 2025, at approximately 5:12 AM, an unidentified person was driving a black 2025 Honda Accord, eastbound in the westbound lanes of Interstate 8. For reasons still under investigation, the driver of the Honda traveled into the direct lane of travel of a gray 2014 Chevrolet Traverse. The Honda impacted with the left side of the Chevrolet and continued in an easterly direction where it crashed head-on with a white 2023 Freightliner Tractor. As a result of the crash, the Honda caught on fire and became fully engulfed. The driver of the Honda succumbed to their injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene while the driver of the Chevrolet sustained minor injuries. The driver of the Freightliner was not injured.

The California Highway Patrol wants to remind the motoring public to focus on driving defensively and distraction-free every time they get behind the wheel.

If you have questions or need further information,
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