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Racing Accident Claims Life of 19 year old Brandon Smith at TSCO “Vegas to Reno” Event

Best in the Desert Race Director, Casey Folks, reports there was one fatality in the TSCO “Vegas to Reno” event held last weekend in Nevada. 19-year-old Brandon Smith was riding entry number 327 in the Open Expert division, as part of the father-son team of Kurt and Craig Carlson, based in Hesperia CA, when he crashed and succumbed from his injuries.

Folks said, “I am very sorry to report at approximately 4 pm Friday, August 24th, Brandon Smith died from injuries sustained in a solo accident during the running of the race. He was thrown from his bike and impacted the terrain. My thanks to John Gaughan, who arranged to have the helicopter providing support to the TSCO team dispatched to the scene, and medical care reached Brandon in a short time. Unfortunately, he died at the scene of the accident.”

The County Sheriff determined it was a single-vehicle accident, and ruled it did not appear to be the result of an impact with another vehicle.

“It’s sad for me to have to deliver this type of news. We work hard to run a safe race, but racing in itself is dangerous. I spoke with Brandon’s father who commented to me that at least he died doing something he loved. Our condolences to his family and friends; we have lost a friend and member of the racing community.”

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