



CRASH VICTIMS — Dennis MacCorkell, left, and Mike Ecklund both died from injuries suffered when car they were riding in overturned. Two other youths in car still remain hospitalized.

2 Boys Still Hospitalized After Crash Fatal to Pair

Two Valley youngsters remained hospitalized late yesterday in Newhall, one youth in critical condition, following a traffic accident in which the car they were driving overturned on U.S. Highway 99 and fatally injured two other teenagers in the vehicle.

California Highway Patrol officers reported Dennis MacCorkell 14, of 19004 Bryant St., Northridge, was pronounced dead on arrival at Santa Clarita Hospital following the accident Monday night.

Condition Reported

Mike Ecklund 14, of 18838 Topham St., Reseda, died the following morning at the hospital from injuries suffered in the accident.

Still reported in critical condition at the hospital was Michael Patterson 13, of 6652 Etiwanda St., Reseda.

The reported driver of the car, John Padden 14, of 6720 Tampa Ave., Reseda, was reported to be in fair condition.

Investigators for the CHP said the youths' vehicle failed to negotiate a curve on the highway, one-half mile south

of State Road 126, hit a center divider and turned over.

Police said Padden had run away from home 10 days prior to the accident.

Decided to Turn Back

The youths reportedly drove north out of the Valley but decided to turn around when they smelled something burning.

It was while the four were driving back to the Valley that the accident occurred.

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