

 **Fatality #:** 8 - photos [here](#) **Name (if publicly available):**

*Jacob Kuhel-Heinzel*

 **Date of Incident:**

*6/18/2022*

 **Time of Day:**

*10:47:00 PM*

 **Location on North Nevada Avenue:**

*E. Espanola & Nevada (southbound)*

 **Age & Gender:**

*24-year-old male*

 **Type of Road User:**

- Motorcyclist
- Driver of a pickup truck

 **Brief Summary (2–3 sentences):**

*Late Saturday night, a motorcycle was speeding without any lights, heading southbound on N. Nevada Ave., when the driver struck the left front fender of a pickup truck that was heading east on Espanola. The motorcyclist was pronounced dead at the scene.*

 **Who They Were (Optional, 1–2 sentences):**

*Jacob graduated from Wasson High School in 2015 and worked at Jiffy Lube.*

 **Preventable? (Optional thoughts or comments):**

The current four-lane infrastructure of N. Nevada Ave. promotes speeding and reckless driving. Drivers trying to cross N. Nevada often have poor visibility and must enter some intersections to

see oncoming traffic past parked cars. There is no buffer and no room for error or poor timing, especially when speeding is involved. Changing North Nevada to one lane in each direction, offering a safety zone between parked and moving cars, could help prevent tragedies like this one.

### **Why This Story Matters:**

*Jacob was a son, a friend, a co-worker; his life mattered and was lost much too soon at the age of 24.*

### **Notes or Sources (Optional):**

*CSPD and KRDO*