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(SD)-Second Rally Death, 2020 Rally Logo Unveiled

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STURGIS, S.D. (AP) - The 79th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally has suffered its second fatality, but this one is not the result of a traffic accident.

The Meade County Sheriff's Office says an Omaha man was found dead in his motor home at the rally on Tuesday. The Meade County Coroner's office says it appears the man, whose name has not been released, died of carbon monoxide poisoning but that the investigation is continuing.

The Rally passed its halfway point yesterday and continues on pace to be safer than last year but with more law enforcement involvement.

As of 6:00 am yesterday, there had been 28 injury traffic accidents, 23 non-injury accidents, and one fatality in western South Dakota connected with this year's Rally. There were 33 accidents of both types and 3 deaths at the same time last year.

Arrests, citations, and warnings all continue to be up from last year. There have been 97 DUI arrests, an increase of 24, as well as 73 felony drug arrests, nearly double the 38 of a year ago, and 128 misdemeanor drug arrests, up 24.

The 707 total citations are 173 more than last year with total warnings up 135 at 2.069. Authorities have seized 2 cars in drug cases, one fewer than at this time a year ago.

By the way, the city of Sturgis unveiled the logo for next year's 80th Rally yesterday. Created by Connecticut-based Hot Leathers, the official logo designer the past 5 years, the 2020 logo hits a patriotic note with a red, white and blue motif plus continued use of the slogan "The legend lives on."

Andy George of Hot Leathers said the early response was very positive with the crowd and everyone loving it. He also called next year's Rally "the big party for the industry" with "a lot of big, big announcements coming up