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PEARL HARBOR (NNS) -- The Los Angeles-class submarine USS San Francisco (SSN 711) arrived safely in Guam the afternoon of Jan. 10 Guam time (all following dates Guam time) following a Jan. 7 grounding accident at sea, approximately 350 nautical miles south of Guam.

Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Joseph Allen Ashley, 24, of Akron, Ohio, died Jan. 9 from injuries suffered during the accident. Twenty-three other Sailors were treated by medical teams dispatched out to the submarine for a range of injuries, including broken bones, lacerations, bruises and a back injury. The submarine had a crew of 137 at the time of the incident.

The Navy continues to offer its sincerest condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Ashley.

The Coast Guard Cutter Galveston Island (WPB 1349), USNS Stockham (T-AK 3017) and USNS Kiska (T-AE 35), as well as MH-60S Knighthawks from Guam-based Helicopter Combat Support Squadron (HC) 5 and P-3 Orion maritime patrol aircraft from Commander, Task Force 72 assisted the submarine's return.

The Navy is investigating the cause and circumstances of the incident.

Further questions may be referred to the U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs Office at (808)471-3769.