



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060



MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: July 3, 2024 3:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Mission Street & Laurel Street

TOPIC: Fatal Traffic Collision

CASE NUMBER: 24S-03205

INFORMATION

The Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) and emergency medical personnel responded to the scene of a vehicle vs. pedestrian accident at the intersection of Mission Street & Laurel Street at approximately 3:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 3, 2024. A vehicle traveling southbound on Mission Street at the intersection of Laurel Street, collided with a 22-year-old pedestrian who was in the roadway. The pedestrian was transported via ambulance to a trauma center in San Jose; however, he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

SCPD Traffic Investigators in conjunction with the California Highway Patrol have been processing the traffic collision scene and the Santa Cruz County Sheriff-Coroner will complete the death investigation. The pedestrian was a 22-year-old male.

The driver of the vehicle remained at the scene of the collision. The cause of the collision is still under investigation. The driver was ultimately arrested on suspicion of DUI.

The victim's identity will be released by the Santa Cruz County Coroner's Office once confirmed and pending next of kin notification.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact the Santa Cruz Police Department Traffic Investigations Lieutenant Wes Morey at (831) 420-5857.

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