



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: September 3, 2018

LOCATION: 900 Block of Ocean Street

TOPIC: Major Injury Collision

CASE NUMBER: 18S-06642

INFORMATION:

On Sunday, September 2, 2018, at around 8:20 p.m., the Santa Cruz Police Department responded to the 900 block of Ocean Street near Blaine Street for a major injury traffic collision involving a pedestrian and car.

Officers found the pedestrian lying in the roadway on Ocean Street. The driver of the vehicle, a yellow 2009 Mini Cooper, pulled over and remained on site. The pedestrian, a 66-year-old man, suffered significant injuries including numerous compound fractures from the collision. The pedestrian was in "critical but stable" condition when transported from Santa Cruz by AMR to a trauma center in the Bay Area. The patient was driven by ambulance instead of airlift by helicopter due to foggy weather conditions.

The driver of the Mini Cooper is from Santa Cruz. The preliminary investigation indicates that the pedestrian was crossing the roadway, not in the crosswalk. The pedestrian walked directly in front of the vehicle traveling southbound on Ocean Street at approximately 25mph. According to multiple witnesses, the man was looking down and not towards the oncoming traffic as he ventured into the roadway.

The Santa Cruz Police Department would like to thank several quick-thinking bystanders for their supportive actions at the scene which led to faster medical treatment for the injured pedestrian.

The driver remained at the scene and has been very cooperative with investigators. The driver was not arrested or cited. Investigators are still examining evidence and gathering information.

The Santa Cruz Police Department is asking anyone with information or who may have witnessed this collision to contact investigators at 831- 420-5820. Tips can also be left through the means listed below.

For additional information, contact: Joyce Blaschke

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Anonymous tips can also be sent to the police department through our Tip Line (831) 420-5995, or from our Website; www.santacruzpolice.com . Tipsters can also submit an anonymous tip via our smartphone app or from an SMS text. Visit our Website for instructions.