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Release Date: 07-29-15
Type of Case: Fatal Traffic Collision

Phone number: (909)388-4912
Issuing Employee: Sgt. Cervantes

Date/Time occurred: 07-29-15, 2:50 p.m.
Location of occurrence: 6th St./ Waterman Ave.

Date/Time reported: 7-29-15, 2:50
Report #2015-0083946

DRIVER #1 (Deceased)

Name: Unidentified
Age: 35-40 years
City of Residence: Unknown
Hospital: N/A

DRIVER #2

Name: Miguel Maldonado
Age: 36 years
City of Residence: San Bernardino, CA

SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT:

On 07-29-15 at approx. 2:50 pm San Bernardino Police dispatch received a call of a major injury traffic collision at 6th Street/ Waterman Ave. Officers arrived and found that one of the drivers had been partially ejected from his vehicle and had sustained fatal injuries as a result of the collision.

Traffic officers were called out to investigate the collision. Initial investigation indicates that Mr. Maldonado, who was on-duty driving a flatbed tow truck, was stopped westbound on 6th St. at Waterman Ave. When the light for westbound traffic changed to red, he proceeded into the intersection preparing to make a left (southbound) turn onto Waterman Ave when the driver of a 2000 Mercury Mountaineer entered the intersection northbound. The front of the Mercury collided into the driver's side of the bed of the tow truck near the rear axle.

It appears that the driver of the Mercury was not wearing his seatbelt. There is no indication that drugs or alcohol are involved in this collision.

Anyone with information is asked to contact SBPD Det. Devin Peck at (909)384-5664.

The best method to contact Lt. R. Lawhead is via email at lawhead_ri@sbcity.org or (909)384-5738.

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