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Release Date: 10/26/15

Issuing Employee: Sgt. V. Cervantes

Type of Case: Fatal Traffic Collisions

Date/Time occurred: Multiple, see below

Date/Time reported: 10/26/15

Location of occurrence: Multiple

SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT:

San Bernardino Police Officers responded to and investigated two separate fatal traffic collisions this past weekend. In addition, we received notification that two additional people passed away as a result of the injuries they sustained in two additional unrelated Auto versus Pedestrian collisions that recently occurred within our jurisdiction.

On 10-12-15 at approximately 8:00 pm a 47-year-old female (name withheld pending notification of next of kin) was crossing E. Highland Ave during darkness, mid-block near Bradford Ave. on the east side of town when she was struck by a 2013 Honda CRV being driven by June Yamamoto (60-years). The pedestrian was transported to a local hospital to be treated for major head trauma. Unfortunately, she succumbed to those injuries on 10-24-15. Initial investigation indicates that neither drugs nor alcohol were involved in this collision.

On 10-22-15 at approximately 4:54 pm a 9-year-old female (San Bernardino resident) ran into the roadway in the 1300 block N. Arrowhead, mid-block, when she was struck by a 1999 Dodge Caravan that was travelling northbound on Arrowhead Ave. The Dodge was being driven by Maria Canales (63-years). The young girl was transported to a local hospital to be treated for major head trauma. She did not survive those injuries and was reported to have died on 10-24-15.

On 10-24-15 at approximately 2:22 am Jorge A. Hernandez-Ojeda (20-year-old San Bernardino resident) was driving his 2008 Honda Accord westbound on Mill St. at Mt. Vernon when his vehicle was struck broadside by a 2005 Pontiac Grand Am being driven by Juan Sanchez (24-year-old San Bernardino resident). Witness statements indicate that Sanchez failed to stop for the red light before entering the intersection.

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Both drivers were transported to local hospitals. Sanchez is being treated for injuries to include a fractured clavicle and back injury. Hernandez suffered fractures and head trauma until he later succumbed to those injuries on 10-25-15. Initial investigation indicates that alcohol may have contributed to this collision.

On 10-24-15 at approximately 6:30 pm Maria Gutierrez (86-year-old San Bernardino resident) was crossing Mt. Vernon Ave on foot when she was struck by a 2013 Kia Optima being driven by Manuel Ramirez (39-year-old San Bernardino resident). It appears as though Ms. Gutierrez was crossing mid-block when the collision occurred. Ms. Gutierrez suffered fatal injuries as a result of this collision.

The San Bernardino Police Department would like to remind motorists to drive with extreme caution. The City has experienced nine collisions resulting in deaths during the month of October alone. With Halloween on our doorstep, we will see an increase in the number of children and families walking on or around our roadways. Please slow down, turn off cell phones, drive sober, and drive with the utmost caution. Let's do all that we can to prevent other families from having to suffer the loss of a loved one needlessly.

Anyone with additional information on either of these traffic collisions is asked to contact Det. Devin Peck at (909)384-5792

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