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Release Date: 11-25-15

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Type of Case: Fatal Traffic Collision

Date/Time occurred: 11-21-15/ 12:11am

Date/Time reported: 11-21-15/ 12:11

Location of occurrence: Mt. Vernon Ave/ Kingman St.

VICTIM

Name: Withheld pending identification and notification to next of kin

Age: Unknown

City of Residence: Unknown

Hospital: N/A

SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT:

On 11-21-15 at approximately 12:11 a.m. San Bernardino police dispatch received calls of a traffic collision with the vehicle reported to be on fire on Mt. Vernon Ave south of 5th St. Upon arrival, officers found a 2001 Ford F150 truck fully engulfed in flames. San Bernardino City Fire, who also responded, was able to extinguish the fire before it spread. After the fire was put out, it was discovered that the driver was still in the driver's seat and had suffered burns and other injuries. The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to witness statements, the driver of this vehicle was travelling southbound on Mt. Vernon Ave at a high rate of speed just prior to this collision. The vehicle went through the intersection of 5th St. on Mt. Vernon Ave against a red light before veering across the northbound lanes of traffic then collided into the cement bridge column and railing. The vehicle was reported to have immediately burst into flames. Witnesses attempted to free the driver but were unable to do so due to the fire.

A deputy from the San Bernardino County Coroner's office responded to the scene and will conduct an investigation to determine the identity of the victim, which has not yet been determined.

Anyone with information on this collision is asked to contact Det. 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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