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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Fatal Traffic Collision Investigation

LOCATION: Saratoga Avenue @ Highway 85, Saratoga, CA 95070

CASE NUMBER: 20-225-0139S

DETAILS:

On August 12, 2020, at approximately 11:22am, deputies responded to the intersection of Saratoga Avenue and Highway 85 in the city of Saratoga for a report of a collision involving two vehicles. Deputies arrived and saw a white-colored sedan fully engulfed in flames and stuck on a road embankment, and a grey-colored pickup truck with major front-end damage.

The Santa Clara County Fire Department and paramedics arrived on scene to provide medical attention to all of the involved parties. A total of four occupants (two from the sedan and two from the pickup truck) were transported to local area hospitals. Three of the four occupants had life-threatening injuries. Two other witnesses were treated by paramedics on scene and released.

Deputies shut down traffic in both directions on Saratoga Avenue to conduct their investigation and the California Highway Patrol closed off the Highway 85 off-ramps onto Saratoga Avenue.

At approximately 12:07pm, deputies were notified that the one of the occupants of the sedan died in the hospital. The victim was an adult male in his 70s. The Santa Clara County Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office was notified and will be handling the death investigation. We will not be releasing any additional information regarding the decedent until next of kin has been notified. The three other people involved in the collision remain in the hospital.

The cause and circumstances surrounding the traffic collision is still under investigation. Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office Traffic Investigative Division at (408) 868-6600.

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