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TYPE OF INCIDENT: UPDATE; Fatal Traffic Collision Investigation

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

CASE NUMBER: 20-225-0139S

DETAILS:

On 8/14/2020 at approximately 12:06pm, deputies were notified by medical staff that the second occupant of the white-colored sedan involved in Wednesday's collision died in the hospital. The victim was a female in her 70s. The two occupants from the grey-colored pickup truck have been released from the hospital.

We can also confirm that the white-colored sedan was a Tesla. The cause and circumstances surrounding the collision are still under investigation. The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) are conducting separate investigations since the initial collisions occurred on the state highway and the fatal collision occurred on the roadway in Sheriff's Office jurisdiction. The Sheriff's Office and CHP are working together to determine what happened, as the freeway and roadway incidents appear to be related.

We are asking motorists that were travelling both northbound and southbound Highway 85, between Highway 17 and Saratoga Avenue on Wednesday, August 12th at around 11:20am who may have witnessed the white-colored Tesla driving erratically to contact us. In addition, we are asking anyone who may have witnessed the collision on Saratoga Avenue to contact Sheriff's Office Traffic Investigator Sgt. Gonzalez at (408) 868-6637.

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