



PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Vehicle Pursuit

LOCATION: Commercial Street and N. 15th Street, City of San Jose

CASE NUMBER: 17-142-0408T

DATE: May 22, 2017

TIME: 9:50pm

DETAILS:

On May 22, 2017, at approximately 9:50pm, Sheriff's Deputies attempted to make contact with occupants in a suspicious vehicle parked at a gas station on Commercial Street in San Jose. There was a male in his 50s seated in the driver's position of the vehicle, a white Toyota Avalon. As deputies approached the vehicle, the driver quickly accelerated in reverse striking a patrol vehicle. The Toyota fled the gas station trying to evade the deputies.

Deputies began to pursue the fleeing vehicle with their sirens and emergency lighting equipment activated. The pursuit lasted approximately 16 minutes. During the course of the pursuit, the driver made several attempts to hit a patrol vehicle during his evasion. Sheriff's deputies notified surrounding agencies and requested assistance from the California Highway Patrol (CHP). At an early point in the pursuit, the Toyota suffered tire damage as a result of the driver's operation of the vehicle. The tire damage significantly reduced the driver's ability to reach high-speeds. Deputies made no attempts to disable the vehicle or initiate contact with the Toyota.

Eventually, the driver stopped the vehicle on the center median of Northbound 101 just south of Fair Oaks Avenue. The driver exited the vehicle and jumped over the center-divide despite deputies' commands to "Stop." The driver ran across several traffic lanes of Southbound 101 before being struck by an oncoming motorist. Deputies along with responding CHP officers stopped freeway traffic and began performing first aid on the injured individual. Emergency personnel transported the male to Valley Medical Center by ambulance. At 1045pm, the male succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased by medical staff.

CHP will be handling the fatal collision aspect of the investigation, and the Sheriff's Office is still investigating the events leading up to the collision. The name of the deceased is being withheld at this time pending next of kin notification. At the time of the incident, there were no other reported injuries to any other involved parties.

Anyone with information on this event is asked to contact the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office at (408) 808-4500. Alternatively, you can contact the Sheriff's Office Investigative Services anonymous tip line at phone number (408) 808-4431.

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