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PRESS RELEASE

Release Date: July 22, 2023 / 9:00 a.m.

Incident: Fatal Hit & Run Traffic Collision

Date / Time: July 20, 2023 / 11:30 p.m.

Location: 1400 block West Foothill Boulevard, Rialto, CA 92376

Suspect: Justin Thompson, 28-year-old, Resident of Rialto

Victim: (Deceased) Confidential pending next of kin notification.

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On Thursday, July 20, 2023, at approximately 11:30 p.m., officers responded to the 1400 block of West Foothill Boulevard for an unknown injury traffic collision involving a vehicle and a pedestrian. Officers arrived on scene at approximately 11:32 p.m. and discovered the involved vehicle had fled. Rialto Fire Department personnel arrived minutes later and administered life-saving measures. The pedestrian was transported to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center where she succumbed to her injuries.

Preliminary investigation indicates the suspect was driving eastbound in the #2 lane of Foothill Boulevard approaching Cedar Avenue. The pedestrian, who was confined to a wheelchair, was in lanes of traffic on Foothill Boulevard. The suspect vehicle struck the pedestrian, who was outside of a marked crosswalk, and fled the scene prior to police arrival. Through a continual investigation, the Rialto Police Department Major Accident Investigation Team identified a suspect, 28-year-old Justin Thompson, resident of the City of Rialto, in the fatal hit-and-run traffic collision. Thompson was located and taken into custody. The vehicle used in the commission of the crime was later recovered near Thompson's residence in the City of Rialto. At this time, there is no reason to suspect Thompson was driving under the influence of any drugs or alcohol. Thompson was booked into West Valley Detention Center for CVC 20001(b)(1) – Hit and Run Causing Injury or Death with a bail set for \$30,000.

The Rialto Police Department requests that anyone with information about this incident contact Traffic Sergeant Dan Smith at (909) 644-6025. Witnesses can also anonymously report information through WeTip at (800) 782-7463, reference case #932308097.

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