



# Rialto Police Department

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## PRESS RELEASE

**Date / Time:** August 17, 2024 / 08:11 p.m.

**Incident:** Fatal Traffic Collision, Vehicle vs. Pedestrian

**Location:** 200 Block of West Foothill Blvd. Rialto, CA 92376

**Driver:** Alma Ramos-Guzman, 51-year-old, resident of Rialto

**Decedent:** Jose Sanchez-Esparza, 49-year-old, resident of Rialto

### SYNOPSIS:

On Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at approximately 08:11 p.m., the Rialto Police Department received several 9-1-1 calls reporting that a vehicle struck a pedestrian in the area of Foothill Blvd., and Willow Ave., in the City of Rialto. Officers responded to the scene and located a gravely injured and unresponsive male lying in the roadway. Paramedics from the Rialto Fire Department arrived shortly after. The victim, identified as Jose Sanchez-Esparza, was transported to a local trauma center where he succumbed to his injuries.

The Rialto Police Department's Major Accident Investigation Team is conducting the investigation. Through vehicle debris evidence, witness statements, and video surveillance, investigators have concluded that Sanchez-Esparza was crossing northbound from the south sidewalk of Foothill Blvd. within the designated crosswalk. The involved vehicle was traveling southbound Willow Ave., before making a left (eastbound) turn onto Foothill Blvd., where Sanchez-Esparza was struck by the vehicle's front left quarter panel.

After the collision, the driver of the vehicle remained on-scene and was cooperative with investigators throughout the investigation. Neither excessive speed nor drugs/alcohol appear to be a factor in this collision. No arrests have been made in regards to the collision at this time, however, the investigation report will be forwarded to the San Bernardino County District Attorney's office for review upon completion.

The Rialto Police Department requests that anyone who may have 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 #932408793.

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