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## *Press Release*

*Police Department*

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### **Last Suspect Identified in the PCH / 242<sup>nd</sup> St. Fatal Traffic Collision**

Incident # 170027464



On Wednesday, July 12, 2017, officers of the Torrance Police Department arrested Zachary Leets, a 19 year old of Torrance, for Vehicular Manslaughter and associated charges weeks after a tragic collision (*see booking photo left*).

On June 03, 2017, at approximately 11:53 p.m., officers from the Torrance Police Department responded to a major two car traffic collision at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and 242<sup>nd</sup> Street. It was determined that a black, 1998 Honda Coupe and a blue, 2016 Nissan sedan had collided head-on in the southbound lanes of Pacific Coast Highway.

It appeared the Honda, prior to the collision, may have been racing another vehicle, which was described as a dark colored, possible BMW. This vehicle fled the scene. Investigators believe the BMW is associated with Zachary Leets.

The driver allegedly racing in the Honda, identified as Luis Samaniegobarajas, a 19 year old of Los Angeles, was treated by Torrance Fire Department Personnel and transferred to a local hospital. He was subsequently arrested by the Torrance Police Department for Reckless Driving and Vehicular Manslaughter (*there is no booking photograph available*).

The victim driver of the Nissan, a 20-year-old male resident of Harbor City, was treated by Torrance Fire Department Personnel at the scene, but unfortunately succumbed to his injuries.

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This collision is being investigated by the Torrance Police Department's Traffic Division under the command of Captain Martin Vukotic, Commander of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with information regarding this collision is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department's Traffic Division at (310) 618-5557.

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