

T O R R A N C E

Press Release

Police Department

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FATAL HIT-AND-RUN ARREST

On Wednesday, May 11th, 2022, at approximately 01:00 AM, multiple Torrance Police Officers responded to the area of Pacific Coast Highway and Calle Mayor regarding a subject down in the street. Officers located a female adult deceased and there was evidence indicating that a traffic collision occurred. During the preliminary investigation, officers determined an unknown vehicle collided with the female victim (pedestrian) and then fled the scene. As the investigation continued, officers located video surveillance of the suspect vehicle. Later on, the Torrance Police Department was contacted by a relative of the suspect regarding the traffic collision. Officers responded to contact suspect, Kevin Torres-Valencia, a 20-year-old from Wilmington, and ultimately arrested him for Felony Hit-and-Run. There is no indication the suspect was impaired during this incident.

It should be noted the Torrance Police Department had another Felony Hit-and-Run incident involving a vehicle and pedestrian that resulted in the pedestrian being killed as a result of a traffic collision on April 27th, 2022. This incident occurred in the area of Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Blvd at about 11:00 PM, and the driver also fled the scene of the accident. Ultimately, investigators were able to identify the suspected driver of the vehicle and make an arrest for Felony Hit-and-Run.

The Torrance Police Department reminds citizens that the law requires every driver to stop and remain at the location of any traffic collision. Throughout our country and community, major and minor traffic collisions occur frequently. Every traffic accident requires that all involved parties remain at the scene, and that once an involved person flees the scene of that accident, it is now crime and no longer just an accident.

We would like to remind our citizens about pedestrian safety when trying to cross roadways where there is vehicle traffic. Pedestrians should use marked crosswalks and cross the street in well-lighted areas especially during dawn, dusk, and nighttime hours so those driving can see you.

This investigation is being conducted under the command of Torrance Police Department Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with information regarding this case is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department at (310) 618-5557 (DR# 220017736).



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