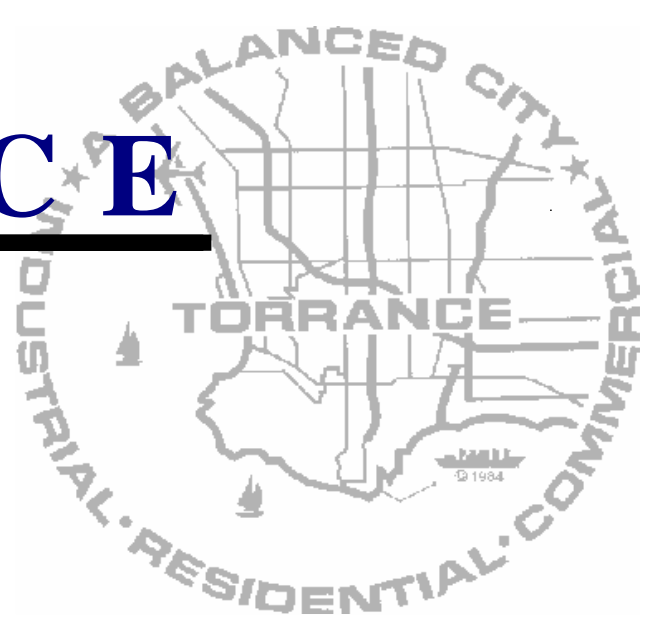


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Press Release

Police Department

October 27, 2022



Fatal Traffic Collision

On Thursday, October 27, 2022 at approximately 7:36 AM, Torrance Police Officers and Torrance Firefighters responded to the 2700 block of Artesia boulevard regarding a vehicle into a house.

The preliminary investigation revealed that a white 2005 Ford truck was driving westbound Artesia Boulevard at a high rate of speed and rear ended a black 2000 Toyota truck that was also traveling westbound Artesia Boulevard. As a result of the collision, the driver in the white truck, lost control of their vehicle, struck a pedestrian that was walking on the south sidewalk of Artesia Boulevard and the vehicle continued into a residence where it ultimately came to a stop. The driver in the white truck exited their vehicle and fled the scene without offering any assistance to the involved parties.

The pedestrian, a 78-year-old male resident of Torrance, was pronounced deceased at the scene by Torrance Fire Department personnel. The driver of the black 2000 Toyota truck, a 44-year-old male resident of Gardena was treated at the scene by Torrance Fire Department personnel and transported to a local hospital for potentially minor injuries. There were no related injuries inside of the residence.

All westbound and eastbound lanes of Artesia boulevard between Atkinson Street and Van Ness Avenue are temporarily closed during the follow up investigation.

The Torrance Police Department offers its condolences to the families involved in this incident. This investigation is being conducted under the command of Torrance Police Captain Martin Vukotic of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with information regarding this case is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department at (310) 328-3456 (DR# 220041434).



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