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Fatal Traffic Collision Incident #230013703

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On April 16, 2023, at approximately 2:02 am, officers from the Torrance Police Department responded to a major injury traffic collision involving a pedestrian and motor vehicle at the intersection of Carson Street and Western Avenue.

On arrival, officers discovered that a 2019, white Toyota Corolla had collided with a pedestrian in a wheelchair at the intersection of Carson Street and Western Avenue. The initial investigation indicates the Toyota Corolla was traveling eastbound in the number one lane of Carson Street approaching Western Avenue with a green signal when it collided with a pedestrian in a wheelchair who was crossing Carson Street, southbound on the west side of the intersection against a red signal, and just outside of the crosswalk.

The pedestrian, an approximately 50-year-old adult male, was treated by Torrance Fire Department personnel at the scene and transported to a local hospital. Unfortunately, he succumbed to his injuries. The pedestrian has not been positively identified by investigators at this time.

The driver and sole occupant of the Toyota Corolla, a 21-year-old male resident of Torrance, was not injured in the collision. Alcohol or drugs do not appear to be a factor in the collision at this time.

The Intersection of Carson Street and Western Avenue was closed in all directions for approximately 4 hours during the collision investigation.

This collision is being investigated by the Torrance Police Department's Traffic Division under the command of Captain James Titiriga, 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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