



## NEWS RELEASE

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### FATAL VEHICLE COLLISION SOUTH 12<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE AND WEST SANTA PAULA STREET

On February 17, 2013, at 6:04 p.m., officers from Operations Division South responded to a report of a motor vehicle collision in the area of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Santa Paula Street. Upon arrival, officers located a 2008 Nissan Versa and a 1999 Chevrolet pickup truck that had been involved in a serious collision. The adult female driver of the Nissan Versa was transported to a local area hospital with life threatening injuries. The adult male driver of the Chevrolet truck was transported to a local area hospital with serious injuries. The driver of the Nissan Versa succumbed to her injuries shortly after her arrival to the hospital.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigation Unit responded to continue the investigation. They determined that the Nissan Versa was southbound on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the left turn lane just south of Santa Paula Street preparing to make a U-turn. The Chevrolet truck was northbound on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the curb lane. The Nissan Versa pulled out in front of the Chevrolet truck and the vehicles collided. There were indications that alcohol may have been a factor in the collision. The investigation is ongoing at this time.

The driver of the Nissan Versa was identified as 40-year old Blanca Reynoza. The next of kin have been notified.

Fatalities years to date:

For 2012 - 6	For 2013 - 7
0 Pedestrian	4 Pedestrian
0 Bicycle	0 Bicycle
2 Motorcycle	0 Motorcycle

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