



### South Traffic Division Fatal Traffics 2009

**SOUTHWEST:** 8

**77<sup>th</sup> AREA:** 12

**SOUTHEAST:** 4

**HARBOR:** 6

**FATAL INJURIES:** 32

**FATAL INCIDENTS:** 30

DR. #	Division	Date	Time	Day of Week	PCF	Traffic Type	K Inj.
0905-05495	Harbor	01/25/09	0030	Sunday	22350 VC	Solo T/C	1
0912-06831	77 <sup>th</sup> Area	02/02/09	0130	Monday	21453 (a)VC	Veh vs Veh	1
0905-06099	Harbor	02/02/09	0930	Monday	21950 (a)VC	Veh vs Ped	1
0912-08325	77 <sup>th</sup> Area	02/18/09	1515	Wednesday	21802 (a)VC	Veh vs MC	1
0918-07293	Southeast	02/19/09	1800	Thursday	21954 (a)VC	Veh vs Ped	1
0905-08539	Harbor	03/13/09	1245	Friday	21650.1 VC	Veh vs Bike	1
0912-11256	77 <sup>th</sup> Area	03/22/09	2055	Sunday	21954 (a) VC	Veh vs. Ped	1
<b>0903-10750</b>	<b>Southwest</b>	<b>03/29/09</b>	<b>0300</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21453(a)VC</b>	<b>Veh vs. Ped</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>0912-14193</b>	<b>77<sup>th</sup> Area</b>	<b>04/24/09</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>23152(a)VC</b>	<b>Veh vs. Ped</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>0903-12873</b>	<b>Southwest</b>	<b>04/24/09</b>	<b>2355</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>23152(a)VC</b>	<b>Solo T/C</b>	<b>1</b>
0903-13609	Southwest	05/03/09	0045	Sunday	22350 VC	Solo T/C	1
0903-13684	Southwest	05/04/09	0255	Monday	22350 VC	Solo T/C	2
<b>0903-16073</b>	<b>Southwest</b>	<b>05/15/09</b>	<b>2150</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>21954(a)VC</b>	<b>Veh vs. Ped</b>	<b>1</b>
0912-16004	77 <sup>th</sup> Area	05/08/09	1400	Friday	21954(a)VC	Veh vs MC	1

0912-23568	77 <sup>th</sup> Area	08/10/09	2010	Monday	21954(a) VC	Veh vs. Ped	1
0912-28842	77 <sup>th</sup> Area	10/07/09	0600	Wednesday	21954(a) VC	Veh vs. Ped	1
0903-26124	Southwest	10/07/09	1530	Wednesday	21453(a) VC	Veh vs. Veh	1
0918-22496	Southeast	10/11/09	0320	Sunday	21954(a) VC	Veh vs. Ped	1

-Arrest(s) were involved-

### **OSB No. 1**

#### **DR. No. 09-5-05495 Harbor Area**

On January 25, 2009, at approximately 0030 hours, a motorist was travelling northbound on Gaffey Street at Anaheim Street, in a 1993 Volkswagen, at an excessive speed. The motorist lost control of his vehicle and collided into a curb. His vehicle continued in a northerly direction and collided into a lamp standard. The motorist was transported to Kaiser Hospital in Harbor City, where he later died from his injuries. The motorist was identified as Stephen Dempsey, 46 years of age, of San Pedro. The primary collision factor was speed.

Investigating Officer: Detective Martin

This investigation is closed.

### **OSB No. 2**

#### **DR. No. 0912-06831 77<sup>th</sup> Area**

On February 2, 2009, at approximately 1:30 a.m., a motorist and three passengers were travelling westbound on Manchester Avenue at Main Street, in a 1997 Ford Explorer. They failed to stop for a red traffic light, and collided into a 1994 Ford Thunderbird that was travelling northbound on Main Street. There were four occupants inside the Ford Thunderbird.

The impact of the collision caused the motorist of the Ford Explorer to be fatally injured. His passengers sustained non-life threatening injuries and were transported to a nearby Hospital. The driver of the Ford Explorer was under the influence of alcohol. He was identified as Rojelio Sanchez, 25 years of age, of Los Angeles.

### **OSB 3**

**DR. No. 0905-06099**  
**Harbor Area**

On February 2, 2009, at approximately 9:30., a.m., a motorist was travelling southbound on Avalon Boulevard at G Street in a 2000 Mercury Marquis, when he struck a pedestrian that was walking westbound on Avalon in an unmarked crosswalk. The pedestrian was transported to Harbor UCLA Medical Center for severe injuries. She later expired from her injuries. The motorist was identified as Burton McNeese, 86 years of age, of Long Beach. The pedestrian was identified as Estrella Stonemetz, 76 years of age, of Wilmington. The primary collision factor was failure to yield for a pedestrian in an unmarked crosswalk.

### **1OSB 4**

**DR. No. 0912-08325**  
**77<sup>th</sup> Area**

On February 18, 2009, at approximately 3:30 p.m., a motorcyclist was travelling northbound on Normandie Avenue at 69<sup>th</sup> Street, when he collided into a motorist travelling eastbound on 69<sup>th</sup> Street, in a 2006 PT Cruiser. The impact of the collision caused the motorcyclist to be ejected from his vehicle. The motorcyclist was transported to California Hospital, where he later died from his injuries. The motorcyclist was identified as Jose Gregorio Vargas, 44 years-of-age, of Los Angeles. The motorist was identified as Arite Coursey, 79 years-of-age, of Los Angeles. Coursey was not injured in the collision. The primary collision factor was 21802(a)VC, the motorist failed to yield for an oncoming vehicle.

Investigating Officer: Detective Smith

Status: District Attorney's Office referred case to the City Attorney's Office. Case was presented to the City Attorney's Office. Case was rejected. According to SID Photos, the motorist had cleared the intersection, it was later determined that the motorcyclist was at fault. Additionally, the motorcyclist did not have a license to operate a motorcycle.

This investigation is closed.

criminal charges will be filed in this case. Although, no charges will be filed in this case, the case will still be presented to the District Attorney's Office for a reject.

Investigating Officer: Detective Jones/ Mark

Case was presented to the District Attorney's Office. On July 1, 2009, the DA rejected this case, based upon insufficient evidence. The pedestrian ran into the roadway, in front of a moving vehicle.

This investigation is closed.

**OSB 6**

**DR. No. 0905-08539  
Harbor Area**

On March 13, 2009, a motorist in a 2004 Chevrolet Avalanche was traveling eastbound on Anaheim Street at Pioneer Avenue, when a bicyclist traveling southbound on Anaheim Street against opposing traffic, darted in front of the motorist's vehicle. The motorist was unable to safely stop his vehicle, and collided into the bicyclist. The impact of the collision caused the bicyclist to sustain severe injuries. The bicyclist was transported to St. Mary's Hospital in Long Beach, where he later died from his injuries.

The bicyclist was identified as Francisco Bacus of Wilmington. According to witnesses, the bicyclist was homeless and he lived on the streets near the recycling center. The motorist was identified as Steven Ray Ayala, 49 years-of-age, of Wilmington. The primary cause of the collision was 21650.1 VC, bicyclist failing to operate bicycle in the same direction as moving vehicles.

Investigating Officer: Detective Martin

Case Status: District Attorney reject.

This investigation is closed.

Division, is seeking the public's help in locating the motorist of this horrific incident. The primary collision factor was 21954 (a) VC, pedestrian failing to yield for oncoming vehicle.

Investigating Officer: Detective Martin

Case is still outstanding. There have been no leads in this case. Investigators canvassed the area in search for evidence and witnesses, but were met by negative results. A press release was forward to Media Relations. Investigators interviewed potential witnesses with negative results. A crime bulletin was disseminated.

## **OSB 8**

### **DR. No. 0903-10750 Southwest Area**

On March 29, 2009, at approximately 3:00 a.m., two University of Southern California Students were walking southbound on Jefferson Boulevard at Hoover Street inside a crosswalk, when a motorist travelling eastbound on Jefferson Boulevard failed to stop for a red traffic signal. The motorist collided into both students. The impact of the collision caused both students to be severely injured. The students were transported to California Hospital for medical treatment. One of the students died as a result of her injuries. The other student was thrown onto the suspect's car as a result of the impact.

According to a witness, after the motorist struck the students, the motorist briefly stopped the vehicle to allow a passenger to exit the vehicle. The passenger then grabbed the student that was lying upon the hood windshield and threw him to the ground. The passenger reentered the vehicle and the motorist drove away eastbound on Jefferson Boulevard. The passenger was described as a male Hispanic. The vehicle was described as a black Honda Accord, or Toyota Corolla, with a year of 1999-2002. The vehicle may have damage to the hood and windshield.

The victim that died in this incident was identified as Adrianna Bachan, 18 years-of-age from Los Angeles. The other student that was injured was identified as Marcus Garfinkle, 19 years-of-age from Connecticut. His medical condition is listed as stable.

On April 24, 2009, at approximately 1600 hours, a motorist was travelling northbound on Budlong Avenue from 50<sup>th</sup> Street, in a 1995 Chevrolet Geo, when the motorist lost control of the vehicle and collided into a parked vehicle that was facing southbound on Budlong Avenue, the motorist continued in a northwest direction and collided into a pedestrian that was walking northbound on Budlong. The motorist continued in a northwest direction and collided into a house. The impact of the collision caused the pedestrian to be fatally injured. The pedestrian was identified as Mr. Francisco Garcia, 64 years-of-age from Los Angeles. The motorist was identified as Henrietta Payne, 30 years-of-age from Los Angeles.

Payne was arrested for 23153(A) VC, felony DUI with injuries. At the time of the arrest, Mr. Garcia had not succumbed to his injuries. Detectives will be filing gross vehicular manslaughter against Payne.

Investigating Officer: Detective Martin

**OSB 10**

**DR. No. 0903-12873  
Southwest Area**

On April 24, 2009, at approximately 2355 hours, a motorist was travelling northbound on La Cienega from Stocker Street, in a 1991 Honda Accord, when the motorist collided into the center median, lost controlled of the vehicle and continued in a northeast direction and collided into the curb. The impact of the collision caused the passenger in the involved vehicle to sustain a fatal injury.

The passenger was identified as Arthur Claudio, 24 years-of-age, of Yucapia. The motorist was identified as Jennifer Engebretson, 23 years-of-age, of Anaheim. Engebretson was arrested for 191.5(A) PC DUI/ Gross Vehicular Manslaughter.

Investigating Officer: Detective Smith

The District Attorney's Office filed Gross Vehicular Manslaughter against the suspect. The suspect has been held to answer during the preliminary hearing. The case has been continued pending a trial date.

**OSB 11**

**DR. No. 0903-13609  
Southwest Area**

**DR. No. 0903-13684**  
**Southwest Area**

On May 4, 2009, at approximately 0250 hours, a motorist and passenger were travelling eastbound Martin Luther King Boulevard at Leimert in a 1990 Chevrolet Blazer, when the motorist lost control of the vehicle and collided into a tree. The impact of the collision caused the motorist and passenger to be fatally injured. The motorist was identified as Mr. Stephen Elivs Miralda, 33 years-of-age, and his passenger was identified as Ms. Beverlee Illona Everett, 35 years-of-age, both of whom are from Los Angeles.

Investigating Officer: Detective Martin

Status: Solo TC.  
**OSB 13**

**DR. No. 0912-16073**  
**Southwest Area**

On May 15, 2009, at approximately 9:50 p.m., a motorist in a tan sports utility vehicle was travelling eastbound on Vernon Avenue towards Vermont Avenue, when the motorist struck a pedestrian that was crossing the street northbound on Vernon Avenue. The motorist continued eastbound on Vernon Avenue, failing to stop to render aid, or to identify self. The pedestrian was transported to a nearby hospital, where he later died from his injuries. The pedestrian was identified as Walter Tzul of Los Angeles.

On May 16, 2009, at approximately 4:20 a.m., the motorist turned herself in to Southwest Station, where she was arrested for 20001 VC Felony Hit-and-Run with a "K" injury. The motorist was identified as Ms. Theresa Watson, 50 years-of-age, of Los Angeles.

Investigating Officer: Detective Smith

Status: The District Attorney's Office filed felony hit-and-run with a "K" against the suspect. The suspect is currently in custody, awaiting trial.

A preliminary trial was held on July 1, 2009. The arrestee was held to answer. It is anticipated that a plea bargain will be offered. The arraignment hearing is scheduled for July 14, 2009. The arrestee has prior arrests for narcotic related offenses and disorderly conduct.

Avenue negotiated a westbound turn onto 85<sup>th</sup> Street in front of the motorcyclist. The motorcyclist then collided into the motorist. The motorcyclist was ejected from his vehicle. The impact of the collision caused the motorcyclist to be fatally injured. The motorcyclist was identified as Tye Lamar Smith, 28 years-of-age, of Los Angeles. The motorist was identified as Maureen Alice Moody, 37 years-of-age, of Gardena. The primary cause of the collision was 21801(a) VC, failure to yield for oncoming traffic.

Investigating Officer: Officer Yount

Status: Case will be presented to the District Attorney's Office.

**OSB 15**

**DR. No. 0918-13457  
Southeast Area**

On May 23, 2009, at approximately 2120 hours, a motorist was travelling southbound on Graham Avenue at 92<sup>nd</sup> Street, in a 1999, Chrysler 300, when the motorist failed to stop at a posted stop sign. The motorist collided into a 2001, E250 commercial van that was travelling eastbound on 92<sup>nd</sup> Street. The commercial van continued in a south easterly direction and collided into a power pole. The impact of the collision caused the motorist in the commercial van to be fatally injured. The motorist in the Chrysler did not sustain any life threatening injuries. He was identified as Juan Arias, 25 years-of-age, of Los Angeles. The motorist's in the commercial van was identified as Alberto Perales, 31 years-of-age, of Los Angeles. The primary cause of the collision was 21802 (a) VC, failing to stop at a posted stop sign.

Investigating Officer: Detective Martin

Status: Case will be presented to the District Attorney's office. Specialized Collision Investigation Division (SCID) are currently in the process of reconstructing the collision to determine the suspect's speed. SCRID was unable to determine whether speed was a contributing factor of the collision.

This investigation is closed.

**OSB 16**

pedestrian was identified as Sheila Tudmon, 46 years-of-age, from Los Angeles. The primary cause of the collision was 21954(a) VC, pedestrian outside of crosswalk.

On June 24, 2009, at approximately 8:15 p.m., a desk officer assigned to West Traffic Division received information from an anonymous caller concerning the suspect that was responsible for this incident. The anonymous caller provided the desk officer with information that led to the arrest of Quenshay Nieem Mitchell, who was arrested for felony hit-and-run with a fatal.

The arrestee posted bail on June 25, 2009. He is scheduled to appear in court on July 21, 2009.

DA filed felony hit-and-run with a "K" injury. Preliminary trial was rescheduled for October 15, 2009.

Investigating Officer: Officer Brady

## **OSB 17**

### **DR. No. 0918-14806 Southeast Area**

On June 17, 2009, at approximately 8:40 a.m., a motorist in a Chevrolet Blazer was stopped at a stop sign westbound 90<sup>th</sup> Street and Avalon Boulevard, when he entered the intersection in an unsafe manner and collided into a Toyota Corolla that was travelling northbound on Avalon Boulevard. The impact of the collision caused the motorist in the Corolla to lose control, and travel into on-coming traffic, southbound Avalon Boulevard. During this time, the Corolla was struck by two additional vehicles that were travelling southbound on Avalon Boulevard. One vehicle described as a green Sports Utility Vehicle, with a male Hispanic driver, failed to remain at scene.

The impact of the collision caused a 16 month-old-child to be ejected from the Corolla. The child was severely injured, and was transported to a local hospital, where the child later died from her injuries.

It was determined that the child was not secured in a child safety seat, as required by law. The

**OSB 18**

**DR. No. 0912-20116**  
**77<sup>th</sup> Area**

On July 2, 2009, at approximately 5:50 p.m., a motorcyclist was travelling eastbound on Manchester Avenue at Normandie, when a motorist in a 1995 Nissan Maxima travelling westbound on Manchester Avenue, negotiated a left turn in front of the motorcyclist. The motorcyclist lost control of his motorcycle and was ejected onto the roadway. The motorist then collided into the motorcyclist. The impact of the collision caused the motorcyclist to be severely injured. The motorcyclist was transported to a local hospital, where he later died from his injuries.

The motorcyclist was identified as Gilroy Alexander Lewis, 38 years-of-age, of Los Angeles. The motorist was identified as Victor Marcellous Golden, 18 years-of-age, of Lomita. The primary cause of the collision unsafe left turn.

I/O Mitchell.

**OSB 19**

**DR. No. 0912-20565**  
**Southwest Area**

On July 8, 2009, at approximately 6:55 p.m., a motorcyclist was travelling eastbound on Slauson Avenue at Crenshaw, when a motorist in a 1999 Plymouth travelling westbound Slauson, negotiated a left turn in front of the motorcyclist. The motorcyclist lost control of his motorcycle and was ejected onto the roadway. The impact of the collision caused the motorcyclist to be fatally injured.

The motorcyclist was identified as David Lee Williams, 54 years-of-age, of Los Angeles. The motorist was identified as Reinaldo Romulo Reyes, 19 years-of-age, of Los Angeles. The primary cause of the collision unsafe left turn.

I/O Smith. Case is in the process of being filed.

Abel Anrage, 60 years-of-age of Compton. He did not sustain any life threatening injuries. The primary cause of the collision was speed.

I/O Martin. No charges will be filed. Collision was caused by fatal victim.

This investigation is closed.

### **OSB 21**

**DR. No. 0912-22146**  
**77<sup>TH</sup> Street**

On July 26, 2009, at 6:05 p.m., a motorist was travelling southbound on Normandie Avenue towards 65<sup>th</sup> Street, in a 1965 Chevy Nova at an excessive speed, lost control of his vehicle and collided with several parked cars. The impact of the collision caused the motorist and passenger to be ejected. The motorist was fatally injured. The motorist was identified as Tony Demetrius Brown, 41 years-of-age, of Los Angeles. The passenger was transported to California Hospital where he was listed in critical condition. The passenger has not been identified.

Investigating Officer: Detective Martin

Status: Solo TC.

This investigation is closed.

### **OSB 22**

**DR. No. 0905-16714**  
**Harbor Area**

On August 1, 2009, at approximately 6:10 p.m., a motorist and passenger were travelling eastbound on Torrance Boulevard at Normandie Avenue, in a 1988 Chevrolet S10, when the motorist failed to stop for a red traffic light. Subsequently, a motorist travelling northbound Normandie Avenue, in a 2000 Mitsubishi collided into the Chevrolet S10. The Chevrolet S10 continued in a northeasterly direction and collided into a vehicle that was stopped westbound at a red traffic light.

I/O Smith. No charges will be filed in this case. The fatal victim was responsible for collision.

This investigation is closed.

**OSB 23**

**DR. No. 0905-16844  
Harbor Area**

On August 4, 2009, at 6:45 a.m., a motorist in a Ford Explorer was travelling northbound on Figueroa at 190<sup>th</sup> Street, when a motorist in a Toyota pick-up that was travelling westbound on 190<sup>th</sup>, failed to stop for a red traffic light, causing the motorist in the Ford to collide into his vehicle. The impact of the collision caused the motorist in the Toyota to be fatally injured. The motorist in the Ford was transported to a local hospital for non-life threatening injuries. The motorist in the Toyota was identified as Renato Montes Adriano, 60 years-of-age, of Carson. The motorist in the Ford was identified as Esther Contreras, 41 years-of-age, of Long Beach.

I/O Free. No charges will be filed in this case. The fatal victim was responsible for collision.

This investigation is closed.

**OSB 24**

**DR. No. 0912-23238  
77<sup>th</sup> Area**

On August 7, at approximately 12:20 a.m., a fatal hit-and-run traffic collision occurred on Western Avenue and 79<sup>th</sup> Street involving a pedestrian. The pedestrian was found unconscious in the middle of the intersection. The impact of the collision caused the pedestrian to be fatally injured. At this time, there is no description of the hit-and-run vehicle. The pedestrian is a male Hispanic, 38 years-of-age. The pedestrian was identified as George Contreras, 38 years-of-age, of Los Angeles.

I/O Mitchell. I/O canvassed area for witnesses and leads with negative results. A press conference was conducted to solicit support from the community with negative results. This investigation is continued.

**OSB 25**

I/O Martin. The investigation revealed that the fatal victim was responsible for the collision. There will be no criminal charges filed in this case.

This investigation is closed.

## **OSB 26**

### **DR. No. 0912-23404 77<sup>th</sup> Area**

On August 9, at approximately 1:40 a.m., a motorcyclist was travelling northbound on Western Avenue at 76<sup>th</sup> Street, on a 2001 Suzuki, in excess of 100 mph, collided into a motorist in a 1989 Oldsmobile that was travelling westbound on Western Avenue, negotiating a left turn onto southbound Western. The motorcyclist was ejected from his vehicle, and collided into the Oldsmobile. The impact of the collision caused the motorcyclist to be fatally injured. The driver of the Oldsmobile and her passengers sustained non-life threatening injuries. The motorcyclist was identified as Johnny Harper, 24 years-of-age, of Los Angeles. The driver of the Oldsmobile was identified as Sherry Ann Randolph, 47 years-of-age, of Carson. The primary collision factor was speed.

I/O Martin. The investigation revealed that the fatal victim was responsible for collision. There will be no criminal charges filed in this case.

This investigation is closed.

## **OSB 27**

### **DR. No. 0912-23568 77<sup>th</sup> Area**

On August 10, 2009 at approximately 8:10 p.m., a fatal hit-and-run traffic collision occurred on Western Avenue and 69<sup>th</sup> Place involving a pedestrian. The pedestrian was walking outside the crosswalk, eastbound on Western Avenue near 69<sup>th</sup> Place, when the pedestrian was struck by a motorist that was travelling southbound on Western Avenue. The impact of the collision caused the pedestrian to be severely injured. The pedestrian was transported to a local hospital, where he later died from his injuries. The pedestrian was identified as Damon Johnson, 32 years-of-age, of Los Angeles. The primary collision factor was walking outside of a crosswalk.

was walking eastbound on Western Avenue, outside the crosswalk. The impact of the collision caused the pedestrian to be fatally injured. The motorist continued northbound on Western Avenue, and failing to stop or to render aid. The pedestrian was identified as Ye Sook Lee, 78 years-of-age, of Los Angeles.

I/O Mendoza. At approximately 1:45 p.m., the motorist turned herself into police custody at 77<sup>th</sup> Division. The motorist was identified as Rochelle Gilmore, 54 years-of-age, of Gardena. She was arrested for vehicular manslaughter.

## **OSB 29**

### **DR. No. 0903-26124 Southwest Area**

On October 7, 2009 at approximately 3:30 p.m., a motorist in a 2000 Buick Regal was travelling northbound on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Vernon, at an excessive speed, failed to stop for a traffic signal, and was struck by a motorist travelling eastbound Vernon Avenue in a 2006 Dodge Stratus. The Buick Regal continued and collided into a metal pole. The impact of the collision caused the passenger in the Buick Regal to become fatally injured. The driver of the Buick Regal sustained life threatening injuries and was transported to a local hospital. The driver of the Buick Regal was identified as Michael Lofton, 17 years-of-age, of Los Angeles. His passenger was identified as Dinsdale Garnett, 17 years-of-age, of Los Angeles. The motorist in the Dodge Stratus was identified as Keisha Hogan, 38 years-of-age, of Los Angeles. Her injuries were non-life threatening.

I/O Jones. Suspect Michael Lofton is listed in critical condition at California Hospital.

## **OSB 30**

### **DR. No. 0918-22496 Southeast Area**