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MEDIA RELEASE

Incident Number: 77025

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Incident Type: Vehicle Entrapment, Vehicle Fire, Fatality

Date/Time of Incident: November 25, 2014, 6:45pm

Incident Location: Southbound 101 at the 101 East Main Onramp

Cause: Vehicle Crash

Injuries: 1

Number of Personnel: 11 Fire, 6 Ventura Police Officers, 6 CHP

Fire Equipment: 2 Medic Engines, 1 Truck Company, 1 Battalion Chief

Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire Department, Ventura Police Department, California Highway Patrol

A four door SUV was traveling Southbound on the 101 freeway on Tuesday evening when it suddenly veered off the roadway, flew down a steep embankment, and struck a large eucalyptus tree.

Spectators from the 101 South bound onramp at East Main Street reported large flames erupting from the bottom of the SUV that quickly consumed the vehicle and spread to the tree. Fire units arrived and quickly attacked the flames and searched the area for anyone who may have been ejected from the vehicle. Ventura Police secured the onramp and California Highway Patrol shut down the 101 Southbound and quickly started their investigation. Preliminary reports suggested that no other vehicles were involved in the accident.

As the fire was extinguished, fire crews determined the driver was still in the vehicle and was pronounced dead on scene. After a preliminary investigation, Medic Truck 5 extricated the body at the direction of the Ventura County Coroner with the jaws of life.

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