

Fatal Traffic Collision - Vehicle Vs. Pedestrian



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Incident: Fatal Traffic Collision - Vehicle Vs. Pedestrian

Contact: Watch Commander (805) 339-4416

Location: Seaward Ave. north of Alessandro Dr. Ventura, Ca.

Date/Time Occurred: July 19, 2014 at 1:32 a.m.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Department Patrol Officers, Traffic Investigators, Ventura County Deputy District Attorney, Ventura City Fire Department, Ventura City Streets and Southern California Edison.

Parties Involved:

(Driver/Arrestee) Sara Beth Roche 27 year old female Ventura City resident

(Passenger) Emmanuel Marks 34 year old male Ventura City Resident

(Pedestrian/Deceased) Name and information withheld pending family members being notified.

Report #: 14-08941

Narrative:

On Saturday, July 19, 2014 at 1:32 a.m., the Ventura Police Department Command Center received several 9-1-1 calls regarding a serious traffic collision southbound Seaward Ave. north of Alessandro Dr. Ventura Ca. Ventura Police patrol officers arrived at the scene and found a female driver identified as, Sara Beth Roche (27 years old female-Ventura Resident) and her male passenger identified as, Emmanuel Marks (34 year old male- Ventura Resident).

While examining the collision scene, Patrol officers located a male subject (name and information withheld pending family notification) deceased just north of the driver's vehicle on the sidewalk.

Due to the severity of the collision, the Ventura Police Department Traffic Unit responded to the scene to conduct an investigation. After a preliminary investigation, it appears the Sara Beth Roche was driving southbound Seaward Ave passing San Marcos St with her passenger, Emmanuel Marks. The driver, Sara Roche lost control of the vehicle and collided with the west curb and guardrail. Sara Roche struck a pedestrian (name withheld) who was walking northbound on the west curb. The pedestrian was pronounced deceased by Ventura City Fire Department at the scene. Based upon certain facts and circumstance it appears the alcohol and impaired driving played a role in this collision. Sara Roche was arrested and booked for California Penal Code Section 191.5 (a) (Vehicular Manslaughter).

All emergency responders had to contend with a Southern California Edison (SCE) power pole and wires, which were also damaged and laying in the roadway resulting from this collision. SCE responded and addressed the downed power lines and restored power to the immediate area. Ventura City Streets Department closed Seaward Ave. between San Marcos St to Alessandro Dr. temporarily as a result the Traffic Investigators could conduct a preliminary investigation. Traffic on Seaward Ave in the affected vicinity was reopened by 8:35 am.

The Ventura City Fire Department responded and fire crews assessed the scene and assisted with medical issues. Ventura City Fire Department mitigated the hazards at the scene immediately. The following Ventura Fire Department personnel assisted.

Ventura City Fire personnel: 8

Equipment: 1 Engine, 1 Ladder Truck, 1 Battalion Chief and 1 Ambulance,