

## Injury Traffic Collisions

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**Incident:** Injury Traffic Collisions

**Contact:** Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

**Location:** 1000 Block of E Thompson Blvd and 600 Block of E Thompson Blvd

**Date/Time Occurred:** 5/30/14 at 2049 hrs and 2322 hrs

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura Patrol Officers, Ventura Fire Department, SCE

**Victim(s):** Cesar Ochoa, H/M, 18 years, Ventura resident, Lawrence Taylor, W/M, 63 yrs vagrant, Ventura

**Suspect(s):**

**Report #:** 14-6669 and 14-6674

**Narrative:**

On 5/30/2014 two separate traffic accidents occurred on E Thompson Blvd that resulted in injuries.

At 2049 VPD Officers and Fire Personnel responded to a single vehicle traffic collision in the 1000 block of E Thompson Blvd. A small black compact had struck a cement light standard on the south side of the street shearing the pole and knocking down power lines across the four-lane roadway.

SCE was requested to respond to safely deal with the downed power lines while officers investigated the accident. According to witnesses two vehicles appeared to be racing each other at a high rate of speed eastbound Thompson Blvd seconds before one of the vehicles crashed into the light standard. The second vehicle only described as a white compact sedan continued eastbound without stopping.

The driver of the crashed vehicle, Cesar Ochoa, sustained minor facial injuries in the collision and was transported to VCMC for treatment.

Thompson Blvd was shut down in both directions for over an hour while the debris and the power lines were removed from the roadway.

At 2322 VPD Officers and Fire Personnel responded to the intersection of E Thomson Blvd and Chestnut re: a report of a pedestrian who had been struck by a vehicle. Officers arrived and found Lawrence Taylor lying in the roadway. Several witnesses on scene told the officers that Taylor had attempted to cross the street against a red signal when he was struck.

The driver of the involved vehicle was not injured and advised she was just beginning to enter the intersection on a green light when Taylor walked directly in front of her vehicle. She was not able to avoid a collision and struck Taylor who received minor to moderate injuries.

He was transported by ambulance to VCMC for treatment.

The driver of the involved vehicle was not cited and was cooperating with the investigation.

These investigations are ongoing. Anyone with information is urged to call the Ventura Police Department Traffic Division at 339-4433