



# Huntington Beach Police Department

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Release Date/Time:** January 23, 2015 at 9:00 AM

**Subject:** Fatal Traffic Collision

**Case Number:** 15-001073

### Details:

On Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at about 2:40 PM, the Huntington Beach Police Department responded to the area of Bolsa Chica Road and Heil Avenue regarding an injury traffic collision involving three vehicles.

Arriving officers located the involved vehicles near the intersection. One of the vehicles, a gold 2005 Nissan Altima, had driven through a chain link fence of a vacant property and collided with a storage container. The driver and sole occupant was unresponsive. Huntington Beach Fire Department paramedics responded and used heavy rescue equipment to remove the driver. He had major injuries and was transported to UCI Medical Center where he was admitted in critical condition. HBPD officers were able to contact his family who responded to the hospital. The driver, an 89 year old male from Huntington Beach, later succumbed to his injuries at the hospital. His name is not being released at this time until next of kin can be notified.

The other involved vehicles included a silver 2006 Chevy Silverado 2500 and a white 2013 Toyota Prius. The driver of the Chevy Silverado, a 28 year old male from Glendora, was uninjured. The driver of the Toyota Prius, a 23 year old male from Norwalk, was also uninjured. None of the involved vehicles had any passengers. Both drivers were interviewed and released at the scene.

Based on the preliminary investigation, it appears the gold Nissan Altima was exiting a parking lot at 16522 Bolsa Chica and turning onto Bolsa Chica when it collided with the silver Chevy Silverado which was traveling northbound on Bolsa Chica. After the initial collision, it appears the silver Chevy collided with the white Toyota Prius which was stopped in the northbound left turn lane of Bolsa Chica.

The investigation is ongoing and is being conducted by the HBPD Major Incident Reconstruction Team (M.I.R.T). No citations have been issued and no arrests have been made at this time. Investigators would like to speak to anyone who might have seen the events leading up to and including the collision.

Anyone with information about this collision is asked to contact Huntington Beach Police Accident Investigator Josh Page at 714-536-5670 or Accident Investigator Robert Barr at 714-536-5666. During non-business hours or on weekends, calls should be directed to 714-960-8825.