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**Press Release** 

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## Fatal Traffic Collision - Pacific Coast Highway and Huntington Street

On Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at approximately 1:28 a.m., the Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) responded to a traffic collision in the southbound lanes of Pacific Coast Highway near Huntington Street, involving a 2003 white Infiniti FX45.

Upon arrival, officers located the Infiniti driver, 34-year-old Ricky Martinez from Huntington Beach, deceased inside the vehicle.

Based on the preliminary investigation, the Infiniti was traveling southbound on Pacific Coast Highway when it collided with an unoccupied, parked vehicle north of Huntington Street. The Infiniti lost control and collided with the traffic signal on the southwest corner of the intersection before coming to rest and igniting into flames.

No one else was injured as a result of this traffic collision. The incidents leading up to the collision are still under investigation. It is unknown as to whether drugs and/or alcohol played a factor.

The collision investigation is ongoing and being conducted by the HBPD Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT). Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or the events leading up to it is encouraged to contact HBPD Traffic Investigator D. Demetre at (714) 536-5670, or Investigator V. Rattanchandani at (714) 536-5663.