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Fatal Traffic Collision – Pacific Coast Highway, South of Warner Avenue

On Saturday, September 11 2021, at approximately 8:17 p.m., the Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) responded to a traffic collision on Pacific Coast Highway, south of Warner Avenue, involving a 2019 Harley Davidson Street Bob and a 2015 Mazda CX-5.

Upon arrival, officers located the Harley Davidson passenger, 22-year old Meghan Wautlet of Huntington Beach, deceased at the scene. The Harley Davidson driver, 21-year old John Murray III of Huntington Beach, was found in the roadway with significant injuries. Mr. Murray was transported by ambulance to a local hospital where he is still hospitalized at this time.

The driver of the CX-5, a 41-year old female from Beaumont, remained at the scene and cooperated with officers. It does not appear that drugs or alcohol were a factor in the collision.

Based on the preliminary investigation, circumstances suggest that the Harley Davidson was traveling southbound on Pacific Coast Highway at a high rate of speed. The CX-5 was completing a legal U-turn from northbound Pacific Coast Highway onto southbound Pacific Coast Highway when it was struck by the motorcycle.

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) 536-5231.