



# Huntington Beach Police Department

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Sergeant D. Dereszynski, Traffic Unit

**Release Date/Time:** February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 2:30 AM

**Subject:** Fatal Hit and Run Traffic Collision, Suspect in Custody

**Case Number:** 15-002384

### **Details:**

On Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at about 9:45 PM, the Huntington Beach Police Department responded to the area of Pacific Coast Highway and 11<sup>th</sup> Street (Sunset Beach) regarding a hit and run traffic collision involving a vehicle and a pedestrian.

Responding officers located an injured male lying in the roadway to the front of 16885 Pacific Coast Highway. Huntington Beach Fire Department paramedics responded and transported the male to UCI Medical Center where he was admitted in critical condition. The pedestrian later succumbed to his injuries at the hospital. The victim, a 72 year old male from Sunset Beach, is not being identified until next of kin can be notified.

The involved vehicle, a white 2006 Nissan Xterra, did not stop after the collision and fled the scene. Witnesses who saw the collision were able to provide officers with identifying information on the suspect and the involved vehicle. Another witness directed officers to where the suspect vehicle had stopped which was approximately one mile from the initial collision scene. The vehicle had recent collision damage consistent with striking a pedestrian. Officers contacted the driver and sole occupant who has been identified as Laura Ferreira, a 27 year old female from Huntington Beach. She was interviewed at the scene. She was ultimately arrested for felony hit and run resulting in death and suspicion of DUI. She was uninjured.

Based on the preliminary investigation, it appears the white Nissan Xterra was traveling southbound on Pacific Coast Highway when it veered to the right and collided with the pedestrian who was preparing to enter a legally parked silver 2015 Ford Fiesta.

The investigation is ongoing and is being conducted by the HBPD Major Incident Reconstruction Team (M.I.R.T). 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.