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PRESS RELEASE

Release Date: June 22, 2012

Time: 8:30 PM

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Type of Incident: Fatal Traffic Collision

Location: Pacific Coast Highway south of Center Signal, Huntington Beach

Date/Time of Occurrence: June 22, 2012 at 11:40 AM **Case Number:** 2012-009818

Details:

On June 22, 2012, at about 11:40 AM, the Huntington Beach Police Department received a report of a traffic collision on Pacific Coast Highway south of Center Signal, which is located at the Bolsa Chica State Beach entrance. The arriving officers discovered a bicyclist had been struck by a vehicle, while riding north on PCH. Witnesses stated a silver Hyundai struck the bicyclist and fled north on PCH with windshield damage. The bicyclist, later identified as 63 year old Roger Michael LIPPMAN from Huntington Beach, was deceased at the scene of the collision.

The Huntington Beach Police Department provided surrounding jurisdictions with the description of the outstanding suspect vehicle. Seal Beach Police Department later responded to a separate traffic collision in the area of Westminster Boulevard and Kitts Highway. Seal Beach Officers discovered their vehicle matched the description of our suspect vehicle, and Huntington Beach Police Officers responded for further investigation. The driver of the vehicle was identified as 27 year old Joel Alexander MURPHY from Mission Viejo. MURPHY was later arrested and booked at the Huntington Beach Police Department jail for felony Hit & Run, felony Driving Under the Influence, felony Vehicular Manslaughter and for violating his probation.

The circumstances leading up to and during the collision are part of this ongoing investigation. The Huntington Beach Police Department is seeking witnesses regarding this incident. Anyone who saw the collision or who has information is encouraged to contact Officer Fulton at 714-536-5670.