



San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

Subject: Amtrak Train vs. Vehicle collision
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SYNOPSIS:

On February 27, 2018, at approximately 0135 hours, deputies from the North Coastal Sheriff's Transit Enforcement Unit responded to an Amtrak Train vs. vehicle collision. The collision occurred on the railroad tracks near the intersection of West Grape Street and California Street in the city of San Diego. A southbound Amtrak Train was traveling approximately 35 miles per hour when the train operator observed a vehicle stopped in the middle of the track. The vehicle was stuck on track #2 approximately 100 yards south of the Rail Road crossing. The train went into emergency braking but was unable to stop in time and collided with the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was safely removed from the vehicle by officers on scene, before the train collided with the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was evaluated and arrested for suspicion of driving while under the influence of alcohol. Anyone with information about this case can call the Sheriff's Department's non-emergency line at (858) 565-5200.

Source of Information: G. Pantoja, Sheriff's Department, Transit Enforcement Unit.