

## San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

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## **SYNOPSIS:**

On 07-09-16, at about 10:21PM, a black Toyota sports utility vehicle (SUV) collided with a bicyclist near the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Broadway in Lemon Grove.

Preliminary investigation revealed the Toyota-SUV had just made a right turn from eastbound Broadway onto southbound Massachusetts when the bicyclist collided with its left-front side. Reportedly, immediately after the collision, the driver of the Toyota-SUV stopped nearby, exited her vehicle and physically protected the fallen bicyclist from oncoming traffic by providing visual warning to motorists and directing them away from the bicyclist.

The bicyclist, described to be a 19 year-old Caucasian male resident of Lemon Grove, suffered major head trauma injuries as a result of the impact. The bicyclist was immediately transported via ambulance to a local hospital for treatment. A hospital medical doctor considered the injuries to the bicyclist to be life threatening due to the nature of such injuries. The driver of the Toyota-SUV, was described to be a 60 year-old woman; resident of Lemon Grove. The Toyota-SUV driver was not injured.

The cause of this collision is currently under investigation by Lemon Grove traffic collision investigators. Impairment caused by the use of drugs and/or alcohol is not believed to be a primary factor in this collision. The driver of the Toyota-SUV was not arrested nor cited.

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