



PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF CRIME: Fatal Traffic Collision (Double Fatal) Vehicular Manslaughter /Felony DUI

CASE NUMBER: 04-143-0997

LOCATION: Union Ave. at Woodard Rd. **DATE:** 5-22-04 **TIME:** 7:25PM

VICTIM #1: Withheld (Pending Notification) **AGE:**

ADDRESS: San Jose Resident

VICTIM #2: Withheld (Pending Notification) **AGE:**

ADDRESS: San Jose Resident

VICTIM #3: Acacia Hernandez **AGE:** 24

ADDRESS: San Jose Resident

SUSPECT: Scott Edward Joyal **AGE:** 27

ADDRESS: San Jose Resident

DETAILS:

On 5-22-04 at 7:25Pm, San Jose Police officers responded on a report of a major injury traffic collision at the intersection of Union Ave. and Woodard Rd. On arrival, officers located three males and one female with injuries at the scene.

Two of the males (Victims # 1 and #2) had major injuries. Victim #1 was pronounced dead at the scene. Victim #2 was rushed by paramedics to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center where he later died. Victim #3 suffered non-life-threatening injuries. Paramedics took her to San Jose Medical Center for treatment. The suspect also had non-life-threatening injuries. Paramedics transported him to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center for treatment.

Traffic Investigators responded to the scene. Preliminary investigation shows that the suspect, Scott Joyal was driving a white 1997 Mercedes southbound on Union Ave. approaching Woodard Rd. The three victims were passengers in his vehicle. As they entered the intersection, the Mercedes struck the front of a black Chevy Silverado pickup, which was northbound on Union Ave making a left turn to westbound Woodard Rd. The Mercedes went out of control and flipped over twice, ejecting victims #1 and #2. The driver of the pickup, Raymond Becerra of San Jose, was not injured.

Numerous witnesses stated that the driver of the Mercedes was driving at a very high rate of speed prior to the collision. The suspect showed symptoms of alcohol intoxication at the scene. He was arrested and booked for two counts of vehicular manslaughter and felony drunk driving.

Anyone with any information on this case is urged to call Investigator Jincy Pace of the San Jose Police Dept.'s Vehicular Crimes Unit at 408-277-4654.

BY: Sgt. S. Dixon #2650

AUTHORIZED BY: Sgt. Steve Gracie

DATE: 5-23-04

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PRESS OFFICER BRIEFED BY UNIT COMMANDER (CIRCLE) **YES** NO