



## PRESS RELEASE

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**TYPE OF CRIME:** Fatal Traffic Collision-Hit and Run

**LOCATION:** Capitol Expwy south of Quimby Rd.

**VICTIM:** Withheld (Pending Notification)

**ADDRESS:** San Jose Resident

**SUSPECT:** Ernest Eugenio

**ADDRESS:** San Jose Resident

**CASE NUMBER:**04-245-0939

**DATE:** 9-1-04 **TIME:** 8:18PM

**AGE:**

**AGE:** 46 (7-6-58)

### DETAILS:

On 9-1-04 at 8:18PM, San Jose Police officers responded on a major-injury auto-pedestrian traffic collision on Capitol Expwy. south of Quimby Rd. On arrival, officers located a male lying in the roadway. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The vehicle that had struck the pedestrian had been driven away from the scene prior to the arrival of officers.

Traffic Investigators responded to the scene. Preliminary investigation indicates that the victim was in the southbound lanes of Capitol Expwy. when he was struck by a large pickup. The victim was knocked unconscious to the pavement. An off-duty San Jose police officer and citizen witness administered CPR until paramedics arrived. Paramedics pronounced the victim dead at the scene.

A witness described the suspect vehicle as a blue Ford F150 pickup with a black rack on the rear. The witness stated that the suspect vehicle drove away southbound on Capitol Expwy. towards Nieman Blvd.

Sgt. Mike Pomeroy noticed a trail of fluid at the scene of the crash. Officers followed the fluid trail for approximately one half mile and located the suspect vehicle (a large Chevy pickup) in the area of Nieman Blvd. and Aborn Rd. The driver had abandoned the vehicle. The registered owner was located a short time later leaving his residence nearby. He was later identified as the driver in this collision and was arrested for felony hit and run. He was booked into the Santa Clara County Jail.

Investigators believe that there are additional potential witnesses in this case that have not yet been identified. Anyone with information on this case is urged to call Investigator Denise Escobar of the San Jose Police Dept. Vehicular Crimes Unit at 277-4654.

BY: Sgt. S. Dixon #2650

DATE: 9-2-04

TIME: 2:00PM

AUTHORIZED BY: Sgt. Lorrie Rogers

DATE: 9-2-04

TIME: 2:00PM

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