



PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF CRIME: Fatal Traffic Collision
LOCATION: Meridian Ave. north of Branham Ln.
VICTIM: Withheld (Pending Notification)
ADDRESS: San Jose Resident

CASE NUMBER: 04-247-0092
DATE: 9-3-04 **TIME:** 1:08AM
AGE: 35

DETAILS:

On 9-3-04 at 1:08AM, San Jose Police officers responded on a major-injury single vehicle traffic collision on Meridian Ave. north of Branham Ln. On arrival, officers found a badly damaged vehicle at the scene. A woman inside of the vehicle was pronounced dead at the scene.

Traffic Investigators responded to the scene. Preliminary investigation indicates that the victim was driving silver Ford Probe northbound on Meridian Ave. from Branham Ln. Witnesses indicated that the victim was driving at a high rate of speed prior to the collision. It appears that the victim lost control of her vehicle and struck a tree. It does not appear that she was wearing her seatbelt at the time of the collision. Investigators are also looking into the possibility that alcohol was a factor in this collision.

Witnesses have told investigators that they saw a motorcycle going northbound on Meridian Ave. at a high rate of speed next to the victim's vehicle just prior to the collision. It appeared that the victim and the motorcyclist were racing. Investigators are attempting to identify the motorcyclist and are looking for any other witnesses to this collision.

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

BY: Sgt. S. Dixon #2650
DATE: 9-3-04 TIME: 6:00AM

AUTHORIZED BY: Sgt. Lorrie Rogers
DATE: 9-3-04 TIME: 6:00AM

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