



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**TYPE OF CRIME:** Fatal Traffic Collision      **CASE NUMBER:** 04.343.0119  
**LOCATION:** Almaden Expwy. & Cherry Ave.      **DATE:** 12.08.04      **TIME:** 5:56 AM  
**VICTIM:** Maria Ventura      **AGE:** 50  
**ADDRESS:** San Jose Resident  
**DRIVER #1:** Jesus Avila Sedano      **AGE:** 51  
**ADDRESS:** San Jose Resident  
**DRIVER #2:** Patricia Ann Brunson      **AGE:** 57  
**ADDRESS:** San Jose Resident

### **DETAILS:**

On Wednesday, 12.08.04, at 5:56 AM, San Jose Police Officers responded on a call of an auto-pedestrian collision on Almaden Expressway north of Cherry Ave. Upon arrival, San Jose Fire Department personnel had pronounced the victim dead.

Traffic Investigators responded to the scene. Preliminary investigation indicates the victim was on the west side of Almaden Expressway north of Cherry Ave. The victim crossed E/B Almaden Expressway and was struck by a 1996 white Honda Civic in the #3 N/B lane. A 1994 blue Pontiac Sunbird struck the victim a second time in lane #3 and was dragged under the car approximately 300 feet.

There is no indication that speeding was a factor. In addition, there is no indication of drug or alcohol influence.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to call Detective Kevin Cassidy of the San Jose Police Department's Vehicular Crimes Unit at 408.277.4654. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at 408.947.STOP.

BY: Officer Enrique Garcia #2936  
DATE: 12.08.04      TIME: 4:00 PM

AUTHORIZED BY: Sgt. Lorri Rogers  
DATE: 12.08.04      TIME: 4:00 PM

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