



PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF CRIME: Fatal Traffic Collision

LOCATION: Branham Ln./Snell Ave.

DRIVER: Chanhoeng, Pha

ADDRESS: San Jose Resident

VICTIM #1: Withheld (Deceased)

ADDRESS: San Jose Resident

VICTIM #2: Withheld

ADDRESS: San Jose Resident

CASE NUMBER: 05-259-1089

DATE: 9-16-05 **TIME:** 9:27PM

AGE: 23yrs.

AGE: 25yrs.

AGE: 43yrs.

DETAILS:

On 09/16/05 at 9:27PM, San Jose Police Officers responded on a call of a major injury accident involving a car into a light pole at Branham Ln. and Snell Ave. The driver and a passenger were transported to a local hospital. Another passenger inside the vehicle was pronounced dead at the scene.

Traffic Investigators responded to the scene. Preliminary investigation indicates that a 1997 purple Acura was traveling eastbound on Branham Lane at a high rate of speed. Witnesses observed the vehicle involved traveling with its headlights out prior to the collision. The driver attempted to pass a row of cars on the right side of the roadway while they were stopped for the red light. The driver lost control and struck four light poles. Paramedics responded to the scene and transported the driver and one of the two passengers to the hospital. Another passenger was pronounced dead at the scene.

Investigators believe alcohol may have been a contributing factor in this collision. Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact Investigator Jincy Pace of the San Jose Police Dept.'s Vehicular Crimes Unit at (408) 277-4654. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at (408) 947-STOP.

BY: Ofc. Gina Tepoorten

DATE: 09-17-05

TIME: 3:00PM

AUTHORIZED BY: Lt. John Carr

DATE: 09-17-05

TIME: 3:00PM

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