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Fatal Traffic Collision – Vehicle vs. Pedestrians

Riverside, CA – On Friday, December 28, 2012, at about 12:58 PM, Riverside Police Officers responded to the area of Magnolia Avenue and Tyler Street, reference reports of an injury traffic collision involving pedestrians.

Upon investigation and according to witnesses, a 2013 Kia sedan was westbound on Magnolia Avenue in the number two lane. After stopping for the overhead red signal at the Tyler Street intersection, the vehicle proceeded westbound once the signal turned green. For reasons yet to be determined, the Kia sedan veered sharply to the right and drove up onto the north grass shoulder of Magnolia Avenue. The vehicle struck a light standard and continued along the north sidewalk. The Kia subsequently struck a Riverside Transit Authority bus bench, which was occupied by four pedestrians. The vehicle eventually came to rest upon striking a concrete shopping complex sign.

Members of the Riverside Fire Department and American Medical Response paramedics responded and rendered medical aid. After lifesaving efforts, a 28 year-old female resident of Riverside and a 7 year-old female resident of Corona were pronounced deceased at the scene.

A 31 year-old male resident of Riverside and a 30 year-old female resident of Corona were transported to Riverside Community Hospital with serious injuries. Both surviving victims have undergone surgery and their condition remains critical.

The 45 year-old Riverside resident driver of the Kia sustained minor injuries that were treated at the scene. He was transported to the Riverside Police Department Magnolia Station for further investigation.

The Riverside Police Department's Major Accident Investigation Team responded and is investigating the collision.

The identity of the victims has not been released, pending family notification.

Anyone with information related to this investigation is urged to contact Detective Ken Madsen at 951-826-8723.

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