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Fatal Traffic Collision

Riverside, CA – On Saturday, December 29, 2012, at about 8:30 PM, Riverside Police Officers responded to the area of Central Avenue and Fairview Avenue, reference reports of a head-on traffic collision.

Upon investigation and according to witnesses, a 2005 Hyundai sedan was westbound on Central Avenue, when the solo occupant driver failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway. The female driver lost control and her vehicle crossed over into the opposing lanes of Central Avenue. As a result, the Hyundai collided head-on with a 2012 Toyota Prius that was traveling eastbound on Central Avenue.

Members of the Riverside Fire Department and American Medical Response paramedics responded and rendered medical aid to the driver of the Hyundai and the other three occupants in the Toyota. All involved were transported to Riverside Community Hospital for further treatment.

An 87-year-old female resident of Riverside was the rear passenger in the Toyota and sustained major injuries. After lifesaving efforts, she was pronounced deceased at Riverside Community Hospital. The male driver and front female Toyota passenger sustained moderate, non-life threatening injuries.

The 23-year-old female Riverside resident driver of the Hyundai also sustained moderate injuries and remains at Riverside Community Hospital.

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

The identity of the involved parties has not been released, pending the Coroner's investigation.

Anyone with information related to this investigation is urged to contact Detective Rick Prince at 951-826-8722.

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