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FATAL INJURY TRAFFIC COLLISION

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Monday, February 20, 2017 at approximately 2:14 AM the City of Riverside Emergency Dispatch center received multiple calls of a single vehicle collision into a tree on University Ave. west of Eucalyptus Ave. Riverside Police and Fire personnel arrived at the scene and located a 2011 Chevy Impala with major damage to the vehicle.

It appears due to the initial investigation the Chevy was being driven by a 31 year old resident of Desert Hot Springs eastbound on University Ave. when it left the roadway and collided with two trees and a light pole. The driver was transported to Riverside Community Hospital with significant injuries. The right front and sole passenger of the vehicle, a 31 year old resident of Moreno Valley, was transported to Riverside Community Hospital with major injuries. The passenger later succumbed to his injuries. Alcohol is believed to have been a factor in the collision.

The Riverside Police Departments Major Accident Investigation Team responded and is currently investigating. The of the passenger's identity is pending the coroner's investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this collision is urged to call Riverside Police Traffic Detective G. Matthews at (951) 826-8724 #P17-031-537#

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