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SMPD Investigates Fatal Collision Related to Home Invasion

San Mateo Police Department officers are investigating an early morning fatal collision on the US 101/Peninsula Ave. off-ramp. The vehicle and subjects involved have been linked to a home invasion of a residence on the 1600 block of Roberta Dr. A second vehicle and occupants fled the scene and are still outstanding. The two surviving occupants involved in the collision were transported a Trauma Center, where they are being treated for their injuries. The single fatality was pronounced deceased at the scene.

San Mateo, CA – On Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 3:44am, San Mateo Police Officers responded to a residence on the 1600 block of Roberta Drive on report of subjects inside the occupied home. As officers arrived on scene, two separate vehicles fled the area in different directions. Officers followed both vehicles. One traveled across the San Mateo Bridge, but due to high speeds officers ended their attempt to follow. The other vehicle traveled northbound on US 101, but also due to high speeds, officers lost visual and ended their attempt to locate it.

At approximately 4:05am, SMPD received a call from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) advising there had been a single car fatal collision on the Peninsula Ave. off-ramp from northbound US 101. The vehicle was determined to be one of the two leaving the scene of the incident on Roberta Dr. It was occupied by three subjects. The male rear passenger was pronounced deceased at the scene, and the driver and front passenger were injured and transported to a Trauma Center where they are receiving treatment for their injuries. SMPD's Traffic Unit is investigating the fatality. Traffic impacts currently include closures of the Peninsula Ave. off-ramp from northbound US 101 and southbound Bayshore Blvd. from Peninsula Ave.

Concurrently, during the investigation on Roberta Dr. a third vehicle was located at the scene. It was occupied by a single male passenger who was taken into custody. In all, it was determined there were at least 5 subjects involved in the Roberta incident and the homeowner was not harmed. SMPD detectives have taken over the investigation. At this time, there is still one vehicle and its unknown occupant(s) outstanding.

SMPD continues to investigate this case. It is evolving and involves multiple scenes. We will provide further information when it's available. Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to contact SMPD Dispatch at (650)522-7700.

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