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FATAL COLLISION

Oakland (CA) – On April 24, 2010, at 11:18 pm, Oakland Police Officers were dispatched to 68th Avenue and International Boulevard on a report of a vehicle crashing into a house. The incident was initially observed by the California Highway Patrol (CHP). Prior to the collision, a CHP unit had attempted to stop a black 1997 Chevy Camaro that was traveling eastbound in the 5900 block of International Boulevard at an approximate speed of 85 mph. The CHP unit terminated the pursuit and then saw that the vehicle had collided into a 4-unit apartment building.

Oakland Police Patrol Units arrived and found the vehicle had struck a light pole, shearing it off at the base and sending it in to the common staircase of the apartment building. The vehicle's momentum carried it forward until it struck the staircase and one of the lower apartments of the complex. Both occupants were trapped in the vehicle. Oakland Fire Department used the "jaws of life" to extract them. The passenger, a 22-year-old Oakland resident, was declared dead at the scene by OFD. The driver, a 17-year-old Oakland resident, was removed from the vehicle and transported to the hospital in stable condition. While OFD was removing the occupants of the vehicle, they located two loaded handguns.

The identity of the driver is being withheld because he is a juvenile. The identity of the passenger is being withheld pending the notification of his family members.

The driver was arrested for Vehicular Manslaughter 192(c)(1)PC, Felony DUI 23153(a)VC, Carrying a Concealable Firearm in a Vehicle 12025(a)(1)PC, and Carrying a Loaded a Firearm in a Vehicle 12031(a)(1)PC. The driver has a prior arrest for DUI.

Due to the damage to the apartment building, the occupants were evacuated from the building. American Red Cross was on scene for relocation assistance.

The Oakland Traffic Unit was called to the scene to conduct the follow-up investigation.

Anyone with information concerning this incident is urged to contact the Oakland Police Traffic Section at (510) 777-8570.

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