



VALLEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Auto versus Pedestrian collision at Sonoma Blvd and Mini Drive

This afternoon, the Vallejo Police Department received information from an independent witness to this collision.

The Chevy van was traveling north on Sonoma Blvd approaching the intersection of Mini Drive at approximately 55 MPH. This is consistent with our preliminary findings.

The witness stated the traffic signal was green for Sonoma Blvd and the pedestrian was traveling east across Sonoma Blvd at the time he was struck. This indicates the pedestrian was crossing against the traffic signal.

Based on this information the Vallejo Police Department contacted the Solano County Jail and arranged the release of the driver, pending further investigation.

The 68 year old pedestrian that was struck and killed has been identified as Charles Lee Hodges of American Canyon.

This collision is being investigated by the Vallejo Police Department's Traffic Unit. If you have any information, please contact Officer George Marcus at 707-648-4329.



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On September 22, 2009, at 06:06 AM, the Vallejo Police Department received a call reporting an auto versus pedestrian collision at Sonoma Blvd and Mini Dr.

The preliminary investigation indicates that a Chevy van was traveling north on Sonoma Boulevard approaching the intersection of Mini Drive. The van's speed is estimated at 55 MPH and was being driven by Heriberto Mendiola-Ramon, 37 years old, a Vallejo resident.

A 68 year old male pedestrian was in the process of crossing Sonoma Boulevard at Mini Drive, walking west in the area of the crosswalk when he was struck and killed by the van.

The pedestrian's name is being withheld until his family has been notified.

The driver of the van refused to make a statement. He was unlicensed and was booked for driving without a license and vehicular manslaughter.

The collision is being investigated by the Vallejo Police Department's Traffic Unit.

We are seeking witnesses to this collision. If you have any information regarding this collision, contact Officer George Marcus at 707-648-4329.