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Suspect Wanted for Fatal Hit and Run

Up to \$1,000 Reward Offered

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers and investigators from the San Diego Police Department's Traffic Division are asking for the public's help in identifying and locating the vehicle and driver that fled the scene of a traffic collision leaving an 81-year-old male pedestrian with fatal injuries in the Mountain View area of San Diego.

On June 30, 2020, at about 7:20 p.m., 81-year-old Ruben Mendez was walking northbound in the marked pedestrian crosswalk in the intersection of South 45th Street and Logan Avenue. An unknown silver colored vehicle was traveling southbound on the 800 block of South 45th Street. The vehicle slowed down in the intersection and was preparing to make a left turn. The vehicle turned left onto Logan Avenue and struck Mendez, who was still in the crosswalk. The driver did not stop to check on Mendez and immediately fled the scene. The vehicle was last seen headed eastbound on the 4700 block of Logan Avenue.

Ruben Mendez sustained major injuries as a result of the collision. Mendez was transported to a local hospital for medical treatment. On July 1, 2020, Mendez succumbed to his injuries.

Investigators were able to locate surveillance images of the suspect's vehicle. Investigators are asking the public to contact them if they can help identify the vehicle.

Vehicle Description:

The suspect's vehicle is described as a silver colored 4-door sedan. The vehicle may have minor damage to the front passenger side bumper.

*****Photos of the suspect's vehicle can be found on page 2 of this release along with a photo of the Ruben Mendez.*****

Anyone with information on the identity or location of the suspect and/or the suspect's vehicle is asked to call SDPD's Traffic Division at (858) 495-7807 or the **Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477**. Please visit www.sdcrimestoppers.org for information on how to send a web or mobile app tip. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest in this case.

- Media inquiries about this case can be directed to Traffic Division Det. Sgt. Victoria Houseman at (858) 573-5067 or email at vhouseman@pd.sandiego.gov.
- Inquiries about Crime Stoppers can be directed to SDPD Officer Mark Herring at (619) 531-1500 or msherring@pd.sandiego.gov or Deputy Marcial Lopez at (619) 531-1547 or email at marcial.lopez@sdsheriff.org.

Photos of the Suspect's Vehicle



Photo of Ruben Mendez (Victim):



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