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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Release Date/Time: August 7th, 2014 at 7:30 AM

Subject: Fatality Traffic Collision

Case Number: 14-011751

Details:

On Sunday, August 3rd, at about 8:20 AM, the Huntington Beach Police Department responded to Huntington St. north of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) regarding a collision in which a pedestrian was struck by an Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) bus.

Arriving officers located an injured pedestrian laying in the roadway. Huntington Beach Fire Department paramedics responded and transported the injured male to UCI Medical Center where he was admitted in critical condition. Witnesses in the area indicated the male had been struck by an OCTA bus as it was leaving the bus stop. The driver of the OCTA bus, a 56 year old male, was interviewed at the scene and later released.

On Tuesday, August 5th, the injured pedestrian succumbed to his injuries at the hospital. He has been identified as 53 year old Richard Collins of Huntington Beach.

Based on the preliminary investigation, it appears the pedestrian had been a passenger on the bus prior to the collision. As the bus was pulling away from the curb, the male fell into the street and was run over by the rear wheels of the bus. Toxicology results are pending, however, it appears the pedestrian may have been impaired from alcohol.

The investigation is ongoing and is being conducted by the HBPD Major Incident Reconstruction Team (M.I.R.T). No citations have been issued and no arrests have been made at this time. Investigators would like to speak to the passengers on the bus at the time of the collision, as it appears they witnessed a portion of the incident.

Anyone with information about this collision is asked to contact Huntington Beach Police Accident Investigator Tai Huynh at 714-536-5670 or Accident Investigator Robert Barr at 714-536-5666. During non-business hours or on weekends, calls should be directed to 714-960-8825. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call Crime Stoppers at 1-855-TIP-OCCS (855-847-6227). Tipsters may also contact Crime Stoppers by texting to phone number 274637 (C-R-I-M-E-S) with a cell phone. All text messages should begin with the letters "OCCS."