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## Press Release

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## Fatal Traffic Collision – Garfield Avenue and Magnolia Street

On Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at approximately 10:30 a.m., the Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) responded to a traffic collision on Garfield Avenue near Magnolia Street involving a black Nissan Sentra, a white BMW 5 series, and a white Ford Ranger.

Upon arrival, officers located the driver of the Nissan, a 59-year-old female from Huntington Beach, and her adult male passenger, both in serious condition. The female driver and passenger were both transported to a local hospital. The driver was later pronounced deceased. The driver of the BMW, a 40-year-old female from Huntington Beach, was treated and released at the scene by the Huntington Beach Fire Department (HBFD) paramedics. The driver of the Ford, a 42-year-old male from Norwalk, was also treated and released by HBFD paramedics. The driver of the BMW and Ford cooperated with investigators, and impairment does not appear to be a factor. It is unknown if impairment was a factor with the driver of the Nissan.

Based on the preliminary investigation, the BMW was traveling eastbound on Garfield Avenue east of Magnolia Street. The Nissan entered Garfield Avenue from a parking lot on the south side. The BMW struck the Nissan on the driver's side. The BMW then struck the Ford, which was stopped in a westbound lane of Garfield Avenue.

The collision investigation is ongoing and being handled by the HBPD Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT). Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or the events leading up to it is encouraged to contact HBPD Traffic Investigator D. Demetre at (714) 536-5670.

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