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Fatal Traffic Collision – Gothard Street and Center Avenue

On Monday, January 8, 2024, at approximately 9:00 p.m., the Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) responded to a traffic collision on Gothard Street north of Center Avenue involving a blue Honda Civic and a red Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Upon arrival, officers located the rider of the Harley-Davidson, a 46-year-old male from Midway City, deceased at the scene. The driver of the Honda, a 66-year-old female from Huntington Beach, was uninjured. The driver of the Honda cooperated with investigators, and impairment does not appear to be a factor. It is unknown if impairment was a factor with the rider of the Harley-Davidson.

Based on the preliminary investigation, the Harley-Davidson was traveling northbound on Gothard Street and appeared to lose control, veering into oncoming southbound traffic. The Honda, which was southbound on Gothard Street in the #2 lane, abruptly stopped, and the motorcycle collided with the vehicle.

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 V. Rattanchandani at (714) 536-5231.

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