



HUNTINGTON BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Missing Elderly Woman Killed by Suspected DUI Driver

An elderly woman was struck and killed by a suspected DUI driver in Huntington Beach on Saturday evening. The victim has been identified as 85-year-old Caryl Margulies, who had been reported missing.

On Saturday, July 12, 2025, at approximately 6:00 p.m., Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) officers responded to a traffic collision involving a white Toyota RAV4 and a pedestrian near Brookhurst Street and Crailet Drive. The pedestrian, later confirmed to be Margulies, was found unconscious in the roadway and transported to a local hospital, where she was pronounced deceased.

The driver, a 62-year-old man from Costa Mesa, remained on scene and was uninjured. He was arrested on suspicion of DUI. Preliminary investigation indicates the RAV4 was traveling northbound on Brookhurst Street when it struck Margulies south of Crailet Drive. It is unknown whether impairment was a factor for the pedestrian.

The incident remains under investigation by HBPD's Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT). Anyone who witnessed the collision or has relevant information is asked to contact HBPD Traffic Investigator C. Houlston at (714) 536-5559.

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