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East Village Fatal Hit & Run Arrest

San Diego – On October 2, 2017 at 7:10 a.m., a 46 year old female pedestrian was speaking with the driver of a red Ford Escape, which was stopped in the roadway, in the northbound lane of 500 15th Street in San Diego. For unknown reasons, the driver accelerated, dragging the female. The female fell and struck her head. The vehicle failed to stop and fled northbound on 15th Street. The female victim was transported to a local hospital where she died the following day.

On October 6, 2017, the San Diego Police Department's Traffic Investigation Unit identified 65 year old Mark Buckles 04/15/52 as the driver of the vehicle involved in the collision. On October 6, 2017 at 2:35 p.m. Mark Buckles was arrested at 4400 Cleveland Avenue and booked into County Jail for felony hit and run and vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence. The vehicle believed to be involved in the collision was located.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information, is asked to call the San Diego Police Department at 619-531-2000, or the anonymous Crime Stoppers tip line at 888-580-8477.

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