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SDPD DETECTIVES INVESTIGATE FATAL HIT AND RUN COLLISION

(San Diego) San Diego Police Traffic Investigations Unit detectives are investigating a fatal hit and run collision that occurred in the Old Town community on Wednesday, January 26, 2011.

At about 10:00 p.m., a male pedestrian left the sidewalk area and began walking westbound across 4600 Pacific Highway. The male was struck by a vehicle travelling southbound on Pacific Highway. The occupants of this vehicle stopped to render aid to the pedestrian and attempted to prevent other vehicles from striking the pedestrian who was lying in the roadway.

The pedestrian was struck by a second vehicle while he was in the roadway. This vehicle, described as a dark-colored van, initially stopped at the scene. However, the van fled the scene without the driver identifying himself. The van was last seen southbound on Pacific Highway. The pedestrian, who has been identified as John Bowers, age 29, died from his injuries at UCSD Medical Center on January 28, 2011.

The van is described as a dark-colored, full-size passenger van containing three bench seats. The driver of the van is described as a Hispanic or Filipino male, between the ages of 40 and 50 years old, with dark hair, a bushy mustache and bushy eyebrows. Detectives have developed two composites of the suspect based on witness interviews. Both composites are attached to this release.

Anyone with information concerning this case is asked to contact the San Diego Police Department's Traffic Division at (858) 495-7800 or San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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