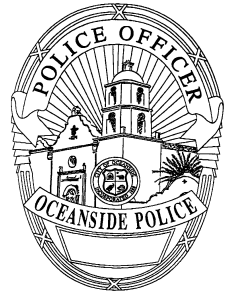




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## **VEHICLE VERSES PEDESTRIAN PROVES FATAL**

On Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at approximately 5:24pm, callers reported to the Oceanside Police Department a vehicle verses pedestrian collision in the 3500 block of Mission Ave. Responding officers found the pedestrian, later identified as Harry Cummings, a 61 year old Oceanside resident in the roadway with life threatening injuries. OFD personnel treated the victim at the scene, and then transported him to the Oceanside Airport, where he was flown by air ambulance to Scripps – La Jolla Medical Center. The victim died shortly after arriving at the hospital.

OPD's Traffic Services Unit responded to the scene and handled the investigation. Preliminary investigation indicates that Mr. Cummings was jaywalking northbound across Mission Avenue. He successfully reached the center median. He appeared to see the westbound vehicle (a burgundy colored 2004 Ford Taurus), but decided to cross in front of the vehicle. The driver, a 39 year old Escondido resident swerved, but was unable to avoid Mr. Cummings, striking him with the front of the car. Witnesses reported that the vehicle was traveling at or near the posted speed limit.

Anyone who witnessed the collision is asked to contact Accident Investigator Gene Gruntowicz at (760) 435-4753.

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