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UPDATE - Fatal Collision Involving Vehicle into Building in La Mesa

On Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., a SUV was traveling eastbound in the 7300 block of University Avenue in La Mesa when it left the roadway for unknown reasons and collided with the building located at 7373 University Avenue. A La Mesa Police Officer witnessed the collision and immediately broadcast the information via his radio and began rescue efforts.

Additional officers and fire department personnel arrived on scene a few minutes later. The driver of the SUV, a 61-year-old male, was located inside the vehicle and was transported and admitted to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. At this time, no arrests have been made. A 40-year-old male, believed to have been inside the building at the time of the collision, was found unresponsive and pronounced deceased at the scene.

The cause and circumstances of the collision remain under investigation. Evidence collected at the scene indicates that drugs and/or alcohol may have been a factor in the cause of the collision. The La Mesa Police Department's Traffic Unit is investigating this incident with the assistance of the San Diego District Attorney's Office DUI Homicide Team. The identification of the deceased is being withheld pending further notification of next of kin by the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office.

The public is encouraged to call the La Mesa Police Department at (619) 667-1400 if they witnessed this collision or have any other information regarding this incident.

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