

# NEWS RELEASE



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## **UPDATE – Arrest in Fatal Vehicle Collision in La Mesa**

On Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 5:30PM, a SUV was traveling eastbound in the 7300 block of University Avenue in La Mesa when it left the roadway and collided with the building located at 7373 University Avenue. A 40-year-old male, who was inside the building at the time of the collision, was found unresponsive and pronounced deceased at the scene.

The driver of the SUV was located inside the vehicle and was transported and admitted to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the vehicle was later identified as 61-year-old Daniel Corona of La Mesa.

After an extensive follow-up investigation by the La Mesa Police Department's Traffic Division and the San Diego County District Attorney's Office DUI Homicide Team, a felony arrest warrant was obtained for Corona on the charge of 191.5(a) PC – Gross Vehicular Manslaughter. On August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, at 10:08PM, Corona was arrested without incident by investigators from the La Mesa Police Department's Traffic Division and booked into the San Diego County Jail on \$1,000,000.00 bail.

No further details regarding this case can be released at this time as this is a pending criminal matter. 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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