

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Major Injury Traffic Collision

On February 10, 2022, at approximately 5:29pm, Menifee Dispatch received a call of a traffic collision involving two off highway vehicles on the 23700 block of Cypress Place. Menifee Police Officers arrived on scene and observed a 12-year-old male suffering from an apparent head injury. Cal-Fire and American Medical Response arrived on scene and the juvenile was air-lifted from the scene to Riverside University Health Systems Medical Center in Moreno Valley. The juvenile was treated and was determined to be in stable condition.

The investigation revealed that two juveniles, one male and one female, were operating two different vehicles. The female juvenile was operating a 110CC quadricycle, while the male juvenile was operating an inoperative electric toy quadricycle. The juveniles tied the two quadricycles together and began towing the inoperative quadricycle. At one point, the towed quadricycle lost control and overturned. The male juvenile, who was not wearing a helmet, was ejected and suffered a head injury. The roadways remained closed for several hours while officers investigated the collision.

The Menifee Police Department would like to offer our thoughts and prayers to the male juvenile and his family for a full recovery. We would also like to remind everyone that operating an off-highway vehicle on the roadway is dangerous and any operation of an off-highway vehicle should be done while wearing the proper safety equipment, including a helmet and riding gear. Such operation should only be done in a safe manner and in an area where such riding is permissible.

Anyone with additional information regarding the collision is asked to contact the Menifee PD Traffic Unit at (951) 723-1690 or (951) 723-1565.

**Pat A. Walsh**  
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