

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Fatal Traffic Collision

On May 31, 2022, at approximately 5:14am, Menifee PD Dispatch received a call of a major injury collision between a vehicle and a motorcycle in the area of Bundy Canyon Road and Cottonwood Canyon Road. Officers quickly arrived on scene and located the motorcyclist and the other involved vehicle. As a result of the collision, the motorcyclist, a 32-year-old resident of French Valley, suffered fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Our traffic unit responded and took over the investigation. The initial investigation revealed the motorcycle was traveling west on Bundy Canyon and the vehicle was traveling south on Cottonwood Canyon at the intersection of Bundy Canyon. The vehicle made a left turn onto Bundy Canyon in front of the motorcyclist. The motorcyclist was unable to stop prior to colliding with the vehicle. The motorcyclist was ejected from his motorcycle as a result of the collision.

The driver of the vehicle remained on scene and was contacted by investigators. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Jose Celedon) Based on the initial investigation and subsequent follow up with Celedon, he was determined to be driving under the influence of alcohol at the time of the collision. Celedon was arrested for DUI related charges.

The collision is still under investigation and anyone with any information regarding the collision is asked to contact Officer Clay of the Menifee Police Department at (951) 723-1500 or our 24-hour dispatch center at (951) 677-4964.

The Menifee Police Department would like to offer our deepest condolences to the Luis family.

The Menifee Police Department urges motorists to always look twice for motorcycles as they are smaller and not as visible as full-sized vehicles.

**Pat A. Walsh**  
Chief of Police

