

NEWS RELEASE

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Major Injury Traffic Collision

July 23, 2022 - At approximately 12:44 p.m., Menifee Dispatch received a call for service regarding a two-vehicle traffic collision near the intersection of Goetz Road and Casa Bonita Avenue. Officers arrived on scene and discovered a male and female in a Ford SUV suffering from injuries caused from the collision. CalFire and American Medical Response (AMR) arrived on scene and the two subjects were transported to Inland Valley Medical Center in stable condition. The driver of the Ram remained on scene and cooperated with the investigation.

The roadway remained closed for approximately four hours while our Traffic Unit responded and took over the investigation. The preliminary investigation revealed the driver of the Ram was traveling northbound on Goetz Road, while the driver of the Ford was driving southbound on Goetz Road. The Ram then entered the southbound lanes and struck the Ford, head-on. Alcohol was determined to be a factor in the collision and the driver of the Ram, identified as Ryan Cantrell, was arrested for CVC 23153(a) – Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Causing Injury.

Traffic Investigators are looking for possible witnesses, including the driver of a dark colored SUV, which was believed to be in the area at the time of the collision. Anyone with additional information regarding the incident is asked to contact the Menifee PD Traffic Unit at (951) 723-1690, or (951) 723-1565. Please reference case MN22-3928.

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