



Major Injury Traffic Collision

August 31, 2023 – At approximately 6:33 p.m., the Menifee Police Department (PD) and CAL FIRE personnel responded to a vehicle versus bicyclist traffic collision on Murrieta Road as it intersects with Salt Creek Trail.

Upon arrival, officers discovered that a Hyundai Sonata had struck a 17-year-old male bicyclist who was traversing Murrieta Road. The bicyclist was transported to a local hospital in critical condition. The driver of the Hyundai, who was unharmed, remained at the scene and cooperated fully with the investigation.

The Menifee PD Traffic Unit responded and assumed the investigation. A witness to the incident remained at the scene and provided statements to officers. The preliminary investigation revealed that the Hyundai was traveling northbound on Murrieta Road traversing Salt Creek Trail, when it struck the bicyclist who was riding eastbound at the intersection and was not wearing a helmet.

Preliminary investigation suggests that intoxication was not a factor in the collision. The roadway remained closed for several hours while officers investigated the collision, however, the collision is still under investigation.

The identities of the involved parties are currently being withheld. We urge anyone with additional information regarding the collision to contact the Menifee PD Traffic Unit at (951) 723-1690 or (951) 723-1565.

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