



For Immediate Release
March 18, 2024
Case #MN24-1147

OFFICER INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC COLLISION

Menifee, CA – On Sunday, March 17, 2024, at about 9:37 P.M., a Menifee Police Officer was responding to assist another officer with a vehicle stop associated with an individual suspected of Assault with a Deadly Weapon, when his patrol vehicle collided with another vehicle. The Officer was traveling west on Holland Road approaching the signal-controlled intersection of Menifee Road with their emergency lights and sirens activated. Prior to entering the intersection, the light for Westbound Holland Road was red. As the officer was traveling through the intersection, their patrol vehicle collided with a pick-up truck traveling south on Menifee Road.

Both the pick-up truck driver and the police officer were sole occupants of their vehicles and sustained non-life-threatening injuries. They were both transported to a nearby hospital for medical attention. Per protocol when a Menifee police vehicle is involved in an injury collision with another party, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) was requested to assume the investigation and will ultimately determine the cause of the collision upon their completed investigation.

While the Riverside County Sheriff Department's helicopter was present in the vicinity of the collision, it was assisting with the traffic stop near Holland Road and Palomar Road for the reported Assault with a Deadly Weapon incident.

Upon completing the Assault with a Deadly Weapon investigation, a report was taken and will be submitted to the District Attorney's Office for a misdemeanor violation of Penal Code 246.3 (b), gross negligent discharge of a BB Device.

The collision remains under investigation, and any inquiries pertaining to the collision investigation should be directed to CHP-Temecula.

The driver of the pick-up truck has been released from the hospital. Our officer is in stable condition and is expected to be released from the hospital in the coming days and make a full recovery.

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