

For Immediate Release December 16, 2024 Case #MN24-5214

## **MAJOR TRAFFIC COLLISION**

**Menifee, CA –** On December 15, 2024, at about 6:07 A.M., Menifee Police Officers responded to a report of a single vehicle traffic collision near the intersection of Highway 74 and Trumble Ave involving a small compact vehicle. The vehicle collided with a traffic light pole.

As a result of the collision, the vehicle caught on fire. Riverside County Sheriff's deputies and citizens were first on the scene and were able to assist the driver out of the vehicle before it became fully engulfed. The driver was transported to a medical facility for treatment of injuries. The injuries are non-life-threatening.

Menifee Police Officers arrived and assumed the investigation. Due to the initial unknown status of the single occupant driver, the Menifee Police Traffic Unit responded and took control of the investigation.

It was determined that alcohol or drugs were not a factor in the collision. Witnesses stated prior to the collision, they saw the vehicle driving a fast speed. It is believed the driver may have fallen asleep which resulted in the collision.

If anyone has any information related to this collision, please contact Officer Sims with the Menifee Police Traffic unit at 951-723-1645, or the traffic unit at 951-723-1500.

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