

For Immediate Release January 16, 2025 Case #MN25-0224

## **MAJOR TRAFFIC COLLISION**

**Menifee, CA –** On January 16, 2025, at about 8:30P.M., the Menifee Police Department responded to a report of a traffic collision near the intersection of Domenigoni Pkwy and Lindenberger Rd.

Upon arrival, officers located a Ford Mustang, a Honda Civic, and a Honda Accord with moderate to major damage. All parties involved were injured and transported to hospitals for treatment. The Ford Mustang was occupied by a 17-year-old male resident of Murrieta, who sustained major injuries and is listed in critical condition. The Honda Civic was driven by a 41-year-old male resident of Menifee, who sustained moderate injuries and is in stable condition. The Honda Accord was driven by a 52-year-old male resident of Menifee, who sustained moderate injuries and is in stable condition.

During the investigation, officers determined that the Ford Mustang was driving westbound on Domenigoini Pkwy at a high rate of speed. The driver of the Ford Mustang approached the intersection of Domenigoini Pkwy and Lindenberger Rd, which had a functioning traffic signal set to flashing red lights; however, he failed to stop at the intersection, lost control of the vehicle, and collided with the Honda Civic and Honda Accord.

Witnesses remained on scene and provided information regarding the investigation; however, the investigation is ongoing, The Menifee Police Traffic Unit arrived and assumed the investigation. It was determined that alcohol or drugs were not a factor in the collision. Anyone with more information on the crash is asked to contact Officer Harper with the Menifee Police Traffic unit at 951-723-1567, or the traffic unit at 951-723-1500.

Residents are reminded to adhere to the following California Vehicle Code when traffic signals are out or flashing red to ensure safety. When all traffic signals are completely inoperative, drivers must stop at the intersection and proceed cautiously only when it is safe to do so, as stated in CVC 21800(d)(1). If the signals are flashing red, drivers must treat it as a stop sign, stopping at the marked limit line, the crosswalk, or the nearest point with a clear view of traffic, as outlined in CVC 21457(a). Following these rules helps prevent accidents and keeps all road users safe.

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