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Case #MN25-2501

FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISION

Menifee, CA – On June 19, 2025, at approximately 5:56 P.M., the Menifee Police Department responded to a single-vehicle traffic collision at the intersection of Briggs Road and Gardner Lane.

Upon arrival, officers located a 2018 Kia Sportage with minor front-end crash damage and was fully engulfed in flames. It was discovered the solo occupant driver, a 65-year-old female resident of Menifee, was trapped in the vehicle. Due to the vehicle being fully engulfed in flames, initial responding officers were unable to rescue the female from the vehicle, and she succumbed to her injuries.

CALFIRE responded and extinguished the fire. The fire burned in a north direction up a hillside toward Garbani Road. CALFIRE was able to extinguish the fire. No structures or residences were affected or burned by the fire.

The Menifee Police Department's Traffic Unit responded and assumed the investigation.

During the investigation, officers determined that the female driver may have experienced a medical emergency causing her to drive off the roadway and into a dirt embankment. As a result of the crash, the vehicle caught fire. Drugs and alcohol do not appear to be a factor in the crash.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone who witnessed the incident or has additional information is asked to contact Officer Gonzalez with the Menifee Police Department Traffic Unit at (951) 723-1634, or the Traffic Unit at (951) 723-1500.

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