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TRAFFIC CRASH DURING SCHOOL WALKOUT

Menifee, CA – On January 6, 2026, at approximately 9:29 a.m., the Menifee Police Department responded to a report of a traffic collision near the intersection of Briggs Road and Highway 74.

Upon arrival, officers located an off-road motorcycle operated by an 18-year-old male resident of Menifee. The rider reported a minor complaint of pain related to the collision and was not transported to the hospital.

Officers also contacted the driver of the second involved vehicle, a Nissan passenger vehicle operated by a 15-year-old juvenile. The juvenile driver was unlicensed and not injured as a result of the collision. The juvenile passengers in the Nissan were also contacted and were not injured.

At the time the collision was reported, Heritage High School students were engaged in a First Amendment activity. Approximately 200 students walked out of class and began walking northbound on Briggs Road. During this time, the 15-year-old driver, with the passengers in the Nissan, attempted to make a U-turn to locate parking and join the walkout. During the U-turn, the motorcycle rider was unintentionally struck. The Nissan then continued a short distance, parked in a nearby parking lot, and the driver remained to wait for officer contact.

The Menifee Police Department Traffic Unit responded and assumed the investigation. Preliminary findings indicate the juvenile was operating the vehicle without a valid driver's license, the motorcycle rider was not associated with the walkout, and the collision was unintentional. Drugs and/or alcohol are not believed to be contributing factors in the collision.

The Menifee Police Department was aware of the planned walkout at Heritage High School and was coordinating with the School District to ensure safety of the students participating. Additionally, we are aware of a video circulating on social media. Witnesses were interviewed at the scene, and the video was provided to traffic investigators as part of the ongoing investigation.

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact Officer Clay with the Menifee Police Department Traffic Unit at (951) 723-1566, or the Traffic Unit at (951) 723-1500.

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