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Case #MN26-1713

FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISION

Menifee, CA — On Friday, April 3, 2026, at approximately 8:00 p.m., the Menifee Police Department responded to a two-vehicle traffic collision on Menifee Road, north of McLaughlin Road, involving a 2024 Toyota Prius and a Southern California Edison utility truck that was pulling a wooden electrical pole.

Upon arrival, officers found the Toyota Prius with major damage. The 54-year-old male driver, who was the sole occupant, was found with severe injuries. CAL FIRE and AMR responded to the scene, and the driver was pronounced deceased. The Menifee Police Department Traffic Unit responded and assumed the investigation.

Preliminary findings indicate the Southern California Edison utility truck was making a left turn from the driveway of the Edison substation located on Menifee Road while the Toyota Prius was traveling northbound on Menifee Road. A collision then occurred between the Toyota Prius and the utility truck, and the Toyota Prius subsequently struck the wooden electrical pole being pulled by the truck. At this time, alcohol and drugs do not appear to be contributing factors in the collision. The exact cause of the collision remains under investigation.

Anyone who witnessed the collision or has additional information is encouraged 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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