



For Immediate Release

May 9, 2026

Case #MN26-2357

MAJOR INJURY TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATION

Menifee, CA – On Saturday, May 9, 2026, at about 4:58 a.m., the Menifee Police Department responded to the intersection of Menifee Road and Newport Road regarding a report of an adult male lying in the roadway. The caller reported the male appeared to have been struck by a vehicle and had visible head injuries.

The male was transported by American Medical Response (AMR) to Inland Valley Medical Center for treatment, where he is currently listed in stable but critical condition.

Officers contacted the driver, identified as Omar Sangines, an adult male resident of Winchester. Sangines told officers he had been driving his Kia sedan when he struck the male. Sangines was the sole occupant of the vehicle and sustained minor injuries.

The Menifee Police Department Traffic Unit responded to the scene and assumed the investigation. The preliminary investigation indicates Sangines drove through a green light at a high rate of speed and struck the victim while the victim was crossing Newport Road in the crosswalk. At this time, drugs are believed to be a factor in the collision; however, the exact cause remains under investigation. The victim's identity has not yet been verified.

Sangines was arrested for Driving Under the Influence and booked into custody at the Cois Byrd Detention Center.

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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