NEWS RELEASE

MENIFEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

For Immediate Release
November 17, 2026
Case #MN26-4066
*****UPDATED MEDIA RELEASE*****

ARREST MADE IN FATAL INJURY TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATION

Menifee, CA – Following an extensive investigation, the suspect for this collision has been identified as 75-year-old Menifee resident Michael Davis. With the assistance of our partners at the U.S. Marshals Service, Davis was arrested on Friday, November 13, 2026.

During the initial on-scene investigation, officers located several pieces of debris believed to be associated with the involved vehicle. Through further investigation and analysis, investigators developed leads regarding the potential make and model of the suspect vehicle.

Utilizing the department's automated license plate reader technology, we were able to identify a white van traveling nearby around the time of the collision that matched the potential vehicle description. The vehicle was found to be registered to Davis.

On Saturday, August 15, 2026, at about 1:52 a.m., Menifee Police investigators located and took possession of the white vehicle believed to be involved in the fatal collision at Davis's residence in the 31000 block of Wickerd Road. The vehicle had damage consistent with being involved in the hit-and-run collision.

Following an extensive forensic examination, our Crime Scene Investigator identified a potential DNA sample on the vehicle's deployed steering wheel airbag. The sample was submitted to the California Department of Justice in early September for analysis and identification.

On Monday, November 9, 2026, the department received confirmation from the California Department of Justice that the DNA recovered from the steering wheel airbag matched Michael Davis, identifying him as the driver of the vehicle on August 12th.

Upon receiving those results, investigators immediately began coordinating with the Riverside County District Attorney's Office. Investigators authored an arrest warrant for Davis. The warrant was approved and signed by a judge.

Davis was arrested at his residence and booked into the Southwest Detention Center on charges of felony hit-and-run resulting in death. He is currently being held on $1,000,000 bail. His arraignment was scheduled for Tuesday, November 17th, but postponed. Davis remains in custody at this time.

While this arrest represents a significant development in the investigation, the case will now proceed through the judicial process. We will continue working closely with the Riverside County District Attorney's Office.

David Gutierrez
Chief of Police

August 18, 2026
*****PREVIOUS UPDATE*****

FATAL INJURY TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATION – UPDATE

Menifee, CA – On Saturday, August 15, 2026, investigators with the Menifee Police Department took possession of the vehicle believed to be involved in the fatal injury traffic crash on August 12, 2026, that tragically took the life of a 15-year-old Menifee resident.

As the investigation continues, our investigators are pursuing all leads and exhausting all available resources to bring this case to a close. Anyone who may have additional information regarding a white, 2004 Toyota Sienna, in the area of Briggs Road and Garbani Road on the night of August 12th is urged to call the Menifee Police Traffic Unit at (951) 723-1500.

August 13, 2026
*****ORIGINAL MEDIA RELEASE*****

FATAL INJURY TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATION

Menifee, CA – On Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at approximately 8:19 PM, Menifee Police Officers responded to the area of Briggs Road, just north of Garbani Road, regarding a report of an unresponsive pedestrian in the roadway with a severe head injury.

Upon arrival, officers located a male lying in the roadway with significant injuries. American Medical Response (AMR) and CAL Fire personnel responded and determined the individual had succumbed to his injuries. The Menifee Police Traffic Investigations Unit took over the investigation.

Witnesses reported seeing a white vehicle traveling south on Briggs Road toward Garbani Road while dragging what appeared to be a bicycle underneath its front end. The bicycle became dislodged, and the vehicle continued southbound without stopping or reporting the collision. Through the investigation, the victim was identified as a 15-year-old male resident of Menifee. The juvenile had been riding an off-highway electronic motocross-style (eMoto) motorcycle.

At the time of this media release, the suspect vehicle has not been located. The suspect vehicle is described as a white SUV-type vehicle, possibly a minivan, with likely damage to the front bumper area and passenger-side headlight.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation. Anyone who may have witnessed this crash or has additional information regarding this incident is urged to contact Officer Sadler with the Menifee Police Department Traffic Unit at (951) 723-1638 or the Menifee Traffic Unit at (951) 723-1500.

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