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Press Release
Police Department

**FATALITY COLLISION
HAWTHORNE AT ROLLING HILLS ROAD
Case# 060037347**

On October 8th, 2006, at approx. 2055 hours, Officers of the Torrance Police Department responded to the call of a traffic collision on Hawthorne Blvd., just South of Rolling Hills Road.

Upon arrival, officers located a single vehicle collision involving a 2004 Honda Civic that had collided with a tree in the center divider. The driver and sole occupant, identified as Hiroshi Sannomiya, OMA, 36 yrs., of Rancho Palos Verdes, had received major trauma as a result of the collision and was treated by Torrance Fire Department Paramedics and transported to Torrance Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The investigation revealed that the Honda being driven by Sannomiya had been traveling southbound on Hawthorne and for unknown reasons, left the roadway and drove onto the center divider, hitting the Welcome To Rolling Hills Estates sign and continuing southbound at a high rate of speed until the vehicle struck a tree. The Honda was totaled.

Officers closed down the Southbound lanes of traffic for investigation and reopened the lanes for normal traffic at 12:30 A.M.

The collision is under investigation by the Traffic and Special Events Division of the Torrance Police Department, Commanded by Captain Marc Wilkins.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has any information regarding Mr. Sannomiya's activities prior to the collision are asked to call the Torrance Police Department's Traffic Division at (310) 618-5557.

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