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Press Release
Police Department

Fatal Traffic Collision **Incident # 130025584** **April 30, 2013**

On April 29, 2013, at approximately 9:23 p.m., officers from the Torrance Police Department responded to a major injury traffic collision at the intersection of Sepulveda Boulevard and Palos Verdes Boulevard in the City of Torrance.

On arrival, officers discovered that a BMW driven by a 36-year-old female, traveling northbound on Palos Verdes Boulevard had collided with a Frank Scotto tow truck, which was traveling eastbound on Sepulveda Boulevard. The female driver of the BMW was treated by Torrance Fire Department personnel at the scene and transported to a local hospital where she succumbed to her injuries. A female passenger, the only other occupant of the BMW, was transported to a local hospital with non life threatening injuries. The driver of the tow truck was not injured in the collision.

A preliminary investigation revealed that alcohol may be a factor in this collision and that the driver of the BMW may have been impaired. The driver of the tow truck was not impaired. The female driver was positively identified by investigators, however, her name is being withheld pending notification to a next of kin.

Sepulveda Blvd between Linda Drive and Ellinwood Drive, and Palos Verdes Blvd. from Beran Street and just south of Sepulveda Blvd were closed in all directions for approximately five hours for the collision investigation.

Due to the involvement of the Frank Scotto tow truck in this collision, Torrance Police Department Traffic Investigators requested the California Highway Patrol respond. CHP officers from the South Los Angeles office of the California Highway Patrol responded and took over the investigation. Anyone with information regarding this collision is encouraged to contact the California Highway Patrol at (310) 516-3355.

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