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FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISION INVESTIGATION

BUENA PARK, Calif. — On Saturday June 23, 2018 at approximately 10:28pm, officers from the Buena Park Police Department responded to the area of Western Avenue and Jackson Avenue, regarding a traffic collision involving a pedestrian. On arrival, they discovered an unresponsive 51 year-old male subject, who was later pronounced deceased at the scene by paramedics. The initial investigation indicated that the male subject was crossing Western Avenue on foot with family members in a marked crosswalk when he was struck by a vehicle travelling southbound on Western Avenue. The other family members were not injured, and the deceased male subject's identity has yet not been released by the Orange County Coroner's Office.

The driver of the vehicle remained at the scene. Further investigation revealed that driver was possibly under the influence of cannabis, and he was arrested without incident. The driver was identified as Jason Rarey, 32 years-old from Anaheim. He was charged with felony driving under the influence and murder, based on a prior DUI conviction. Rarey was eventually transported to Orange County Jail, where he was held on \$1 million bond. The collision is under investigation, and anyone with information is urged to contact the Buena Park Police Department's Traffic Bureau at (714) 562-3941.



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