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Subject: FPD Arrests driver for Manslaughter, Hit & Run, and Domestic Violence in connection with fatal traffic collision

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On Sunday, July 2nd, 2017 at approximately 9:15 PM, Fullerton Police Officers responded to multiple reports of a roll-over traffic collision in the area of Garnet Lane and Sapphire Road. Upon arrival, FPD officers found that a single vehicle had in fact rolled over numerous times, and a single occupant appeared to have been partially ejected from the vehicle. Officers attempted to provide medical aid to the occupant while on-scene, however, the occupant was pronounced deceased by the on-scene paramedics upon their arrival.

Initial investigation indicates that a black 2013 Volkswagen Jetta was traveling eastbound on Garnet Lane when the driver attempted to turn northbound onto Sapphire Rd. The driver lost control of the vehicle during the turn, and the vehicle hit the east curb causing it to rollover multiple times. As the vehicle rolled, the front right passenger was partially ejected from the vehicle. Once the vehicle came to rest, the driver and a second passenger fled on foot, leaving the passenger who was partially ejected behind.

During the initial investigation, FPD officers identified the driver as Sergio Sevilla (20, Fullerton). Officers also discovered that, just prior to the traffic collision, Sevilla had been involved in an argument with his girlfriend during which time he assaulted her.

While officers were on scene investigating the traffic collision, the second passenger (who had fled on foot originally with Sevilla) returned to the scene and spoke with investigators about the collision and the events that led up to it.

At approximately 1:15 AM, FPD Dispatch received a call from the Orange County Sheriff’s Department reporting that Sevilla called them from a residence in Yorba Linda wanting to turn himself in. Fullerton Police Detectives responded to Yorba Linda and took Sevilla into custody without incident. Sevilla was booked at the Fullerton City Jail on charges of vehicular manslaughter, felony hit and run and domestic violence.

The cause of the collision is still being investigated, and it not yet known if alcohol and/or drugs played a factor in the collision. The identity of the deceased passenger is not being released at this time. Anyone with information about the collision is encouraged to contact the Fullerton Police Traffic Bureau at (714) 738-5313. Those wishing to provide information anonymously can call the Orange County Crime Stoppers at 1(855) TIP-OCCS or can visit their website at www.occrimestoppers.org.