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MOTORCYCLIST INVOLVED IN FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISION

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On November 22, 2014, at approximately 2:40 a.m., an officer was working patrol in the area of Alameda Avenue and Buena Vista Street, when he observed a motorcyclist traveling eastbound on Alameda Avenue at a high rate of speed. The motorcyclist nearly collided with a stopped vehicle and skidded halfway through the intersection, on a red light.

Based on the motorcyclist's driving, the officer activated his overhead lights to initiate a traffic stop. However, the motorcyclist took off at a high rate of speed south on Buena Vista Street and turned west onto Riverside Drive, while crossing into the opposing lanes of traffic. Due to the speed and erratic driving of the motorcyclist the officer did not pursue.

As the officer proceeded westbound onto Riverside Drive he observed the same motorcyclist had struck a hydrant and light pole on the northwest corner of Riverside Drive and Bob Hope Drive. The Burbank Fire Department was immediately requested to assist the downed motorcyclist; however the male – 40 years old, was pronounced dead at the scene at approximately 2:48 a.m.

Traffic Bureau personnel responded to the scene and a fatal traffic collision investigation was conducted. The Los Angeles County Coroner was notified, and responded to the scene to conduct their investigation. The identity of the deceased motorcycle rider is being withheld pending notification of his family by the Coroner.

The investigation into this collision is ongoing, so determinations relative to the cause are still pending. Anyone who witnessed the collision, or the driving of the involved motorcycle leading up to the collision, is asked to contact the Burbank Police Department Traffic Bureau at (818) 238-3100.

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