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## **OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASE**

## TRAFFIC COLLISION FATALITY BICYCLIST DIES AFTER BEING STRUCK

DATE: January 13, 2016

On December 9, 2015, at about 2:25 pm, Burbank Police Officers and Paramedics responded to Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista Street regarding a traffic collision involving a motor vehicle and a bicyclist.

The bicyclist, identified as 63 year-old Henry Peter Kuen of Los Angeles, had been struck by a vehicle making a left turn onto Buena Vista Street, as he traveled east on Magnolia Boulevard, through the intersection.

Kuen, who was not wearing a helmet, suffered severe head trauma and was transported to a local hospital by paramedics, where he remained in critical condition for over a month. On January 12, Burbank Police Traffic Detectives were informed that Kuen had succumbed to the injuries suffered in the traffic collision.

The driver of the vehicle, who is not being publicly identified at this time, which struck Kuen, remained at the scene and was interviewed by officers. The driver cooperated with the officers and was not cited or arrested. Drugs and/or alcohol were not a factor in this crash. The collision remains under investigation by traffic investigators, who will be presenting the case to the Burbank City Attorney's Office for filing consideration in the near future.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact Traffic Detective Sam Anderson at (818) 238-3100.

The Burbank Police Department logged four fatalities in 2015 as a result of traffic collisions. We would like to remind the public to remain vigilant and avoid distractions when traveling on our roadways. Drive at a safe speed for the conditions, don't text / talk on your cellphone, always maintain safe distances and look twice for pedestrians and bicyclists.

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