



Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office

City of Goleta Police



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Updated News Release

The bicyclist who was hit by a vehicle on September 23, 2016 at approximately 6:30 a.m. on Calle Real near the intersection of San Mateo Avenue has passed away. 88-year-old Roman Paredes of Goleta was transported to a local hospital with major injuries following the collision. He was taken off life support on Saturday, September 24, 2016.

Roman Paredes was driving a three-wheel bicycle on Calle Real towards Glenn Annie Road when he was struck by a GMC 2500 pickup truck driven by 33-year-old Daniel Gruetzmacher of Goleta. Sheriff's deputies with the Sheriff's Major Accident Response Team responded to the scene and conducted an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the collision. The investigation revealed the driver took his eyes off the road which caused him to drift into the bicycle lane. Alcohol/drugs or cell phone use do not appear to be factors in the collision.

Once the investigation is complete it will be forwarded to the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office to determine if misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter charged will be filed.

Vehicle vs. Bicyclist Collision in Goleta

Goleta – At approximately 6:30 a.m. yesterday morning, September 23, 2016, a bicyclist was struck by a vehicle on Calle Real near the intersection of San Mateo Avenue in the City of Goleta. The bicyclist, an 88-year-old male Goleta resident, suffered major injuries and was transported to a local hospital. His condition is unknown at this time.

The collision involved a GMC 2500 pickup truck driven by a 33-year-old male Goleta resident. Both parties were traveling on Calle Real, towards Glen Annie Road, when the truck drifted into the bicycle lane and struck the bicycle. Sheriff's deputies responded and investigated the collision. The investigation revealed the driver took his eyes off of the road, which caused him to drift into the bicycle lane. The driver remained at the scene and was not arrested, as alcohol/drugs were not suspected of being a factor in this collision.

Senior Deputy Jeff Farmer said the accident is reminder of the dangers involved with distracted

driving. He said, "This is a perfect time to remind drivers to keep their attention on the movement of their vehicles while driving. We have so many possible distractions in our vehicles that can cause us to look away from the roadway. As we see here with this collision, it doesn't take much time of taking your eyes off the road before something of this nature can happen."

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