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Release Date/Time: March 4th, 2015 at 8:30 PM

Subject: Motorhome catches fire on roadway, one fatality

Case Number: 15-003212

Details:

On Wednesday, March 4th, at about 2:45 PM, several citizens called 911 to report a motor home was on fire in the area of Talbert Avenue and Beach Boulevard. At about the same time, other citizens contacted some nearby officers and informed them of the fire.

The Huntington Beach Police officers arrived within minutes to find the 1988 Ford motor home fully engulfed in flames. A male, believed to be the driver, was found outside of the motor home and told officers a female associate was still inside. The officers attempted to rescue the female however were pushed back by the heat of the flames.

The Huntington Beach Fire Department responded and were able to extinguish the fire. The driver, a 51 year old male from Huntington Beach, was treated at the scene for injuries sustained in the fire. He was ultimately transported to UCI Medical Center where he was admitted in serious condition. Inside the motor home, police and fire personnel found a deceased female adult. At this time the cause of death and the identity of the female are unknown.

Based on the preliminary investigation, it appears the motor home had been in the Walmart parking lot located at 8230 Talbert Ave prior to the fire. Witnesses indicated they had seen smoke coming from the motor home prior to it leaving the parking lot. Once the motor home left the parking lot, it pulled to the curb on Talbert Ave where the fire continued to burn. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The investigation is ongoing and is being conducted by the Huntington Beach Police and Fire Arson Investigators. They are being assisted by the HBPD Major Incident Reconstruction Team (M.I.R.T). Investigators would like to speak to anyone who might have seen the events leading up to and including the incident.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Huntington Beach Police Detective Jeff Goodspeed at 714-536-5653 or Detective Jayson Lewis at 714-536-5961. During non-business hours or on weekends, calls should be directed to 714-960-8825.