



Huntington Beach Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

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Release Date:

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Fatal Traffic Collision	
LOCATION: Beach at Newman	
DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 11-17-06 / 5:49 am	CASE NUMBER: 06-21872

VICTIM INFORMATION Victim # 1 of 2 (Use additional page(s) for listing multiple victims)

NAME/AGE/: Male Caucasian - 56 yrs
CITY OF RESIDENCE: Lake Elsinore
INJURIES/CONDITION: Fatal internal injuries
WHERE HOSPITALIZED: Pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics

SUSPECT INFORMATION ARRESTED: YES NO
SUSPECT # _____ of ____ . (Use additional page(s) for listing multiple suspects)

NAME/DOB (OR DESCRIPTION):			
CITY OF RESIDENCE:			
CHARGES:	1)	2)	3)
BOOKED AT:			
INJURIES/CONDITION:			
WHERE HOSPITALIZED:			

SUSPECT VEHICLE INFORMATION

MAKE/MODEL: Pontiac, Firebird	COLOR: White	YEAR: 1989
LICENSE/STATE:	DIRECTION OF TRAVEL: North on Beach	

DETAILS: Vehicle #2: Orange County Transit Authority bus

Bus Driver: Demetrice Bowman - Female - Resident of Bellflower

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NARRATIVE: On November 17, 2006, at approximately 5:49 am, a 1998 Pontiac Firebird was driving northbound on Beach Boulevard north of Talbert. At that time, an OCTA bus was stopped picking up passengers just south of Newman. The bus was driven by Demetrice Bowman of Bellflower. The driver of the Pontiac, a male caucasian, 56 years old, collided with the rear of the stopped bus. The driver of the vehicle was pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics of the Huntington Beach Fire Department. His identification is being withheld pending notification of the family by the Orange County Sheriff/Coroner's office.

There were nine passengers on the bus at the time of the collision. No passengers complained of any injuries. A passenger in the Pontiac was Thomas Byk, 56 years old of Fullerton. Mr. Byk was transported to UCI Medical center with unknown internal injuries including a broken pelvis and punctured lung.

That is no indication of alcohol involvement at this time and it is unknown if either passenger in the Pontiac were wearing seatbelts. There was heavy fog at the time of the collision which may have been a contributing factor.

The police department is asking that anyone that may have witnessed the accident call the Huntington Beach Police Department, Traffic Bureau at (714) 536-5663.

This press release was prepared by Sgt. C. A. Bryant of the Traffic Bureau at 10:30 am.

Additional Victims/Suspects:

VICTIM INFORMATION Victim # 2 of 2 (Use additional page(s) for listing multiple victims)

NAME/AGE/: Thomas Byk

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Fullerton

INJURIES/CONDITION: Internal injuries including a broken pelvis and punctured lung

WHERE HOSPITALIZED: UCI Medical Center

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