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Fatal Traffic Collision – Magnolia Street and Garfield Avenue

On Thursday, May 11, 2023, at approximately 4:40 p.m., the Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) responded to a traffic collision at the intersection of Magnolia Street and Garfield Avenue involving a maroon Jeep Wrangler and a silver Buick Riviera.

Upon arrival, officers located the driver of the Riviera, a 93-year-old female, in critical condition. She was transported to a local hospital, where she was later pronounced deceased. The driver of the Wrangler, a 48-year-old male from Huntington Beach who was uninjured, remained at the scene and fully cooperated with officers. Impairment did not appear to be a factor with the Wrangler driver.

Based on the preliminary investigation, the Riviera was traveling northbound on Magnolia Street and turned left onto Garfield Avenue in front of the Wrangler which was traveling southbound on Magnolia Avenue.

The collision investigation is ongoing and being handled by the HBPD Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT). Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or the events leading up to it is encouraged to contact HBPD Traffic Investigator J. Rounds at (714) 536-5670.