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## Fatal Traffic Collision-Talbert Avenue and Bell Circle

On Thursday, March 7, 2024, at approximately 6:15 AM, the Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) responded to a traffic collision on Talbert Avenue west of Bell Circle involving a maroon 2016 Kia Sorento and a bicyclist.

Upon arrival, officers located the bicyclist, an 18-year-old male from Huntington Beach, in the roadway. He was transported to a local hospital but was later pronounced deceased. The driver of the Kia, a 26-year-old male from Fullerton, remained at the scene and fully cooperated with officers. Impairment did not appear to be a factor with the driver.

Based on the preliminary investigation, the Kia was traveling westbound on Talbert Avenue in the #2 lane just west of Bell Circle. The bicyclist was also westbound on Talbert Avenue in the bicycle lane, at which time a collision occurred.

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 C. Houlston at (714) 536-5670.

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