

## EL CENTRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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DATE:February 5, 2024INCIDENT:Press ReleaseLOCATION:100 East Main Street

Fatal Vehicle Collision Under Investigation

El Centro, CA – On Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at approximately 1:40 p.m., the El Centro Police Department responded to a reported traffic collision at the intersection of 1st Street and Main Street involving multiple vehicles and serious injuries.

Upon arrival, officers determined that four vehicles were involved in the collision. Tragically, one driver was pronounced deceased at the scene and despite lifesaving efforts, a second driver succumbed to their injuries after being transported to El Centro Regional Medical Center.

Preliminary investigation suggests that two of the involved vehicles were possibly engaged in illegal street racing at the time of the collision. One of the involved drivers, an adult resident of Imperial, CA, was taken into custody and booked into the Imperial County Jail for their charges. The El Centro Police Department is actively investigating this incident as vehicular homicide. The investigation remains ongoing.

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact Sergeant Adrian Chilpa #316 at (760) 352-2111 or via email at achilpa@ecpd.org. Anonymous tips can also be submitted through social media or in person at the El Centro Police Department.

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