Unknown Suspect Wanted for Vehicular Manslaughter and Felony Hit and Run
Up to $1,000 Reward Offered

October 6, 2017

San Diego County Crime Stoppers and investigators from the San Diego Police Department’s Traffic Division are asking for the public’s help in identifying and locating the driver wanted for vehicular manslaughter and felony hit and run in the East Village area of downtown San Diego.

On October 2, 2017, at about 7:10 a.m., a red, newer model, Ford Escape was stopped in the northbound lane in front of 500 15th Street in San Diego when a 46-year-old female and her male companion walked to the front passenger side of the vehicle. As a conversation took place between the female and the driver, the female reached into the vehicle. For unknown reasons, the driver accelerated, dragging the female about 15 feet before she fell from the vehicle and landed on her head. The suspect fled northbound on 15th Street. The female victim was transported to a local hospital where she died one day later (10-3-17) from a head injury.

Suspect’s Description:
The driver of the vehicle is described as a White male, in his 60’s, with white hair and a white trimmed full beard.

Suspect’s Vehicle Description:
The suspect’s vehicle is described as a red, newer model, Ford Escape. It has a California license plate that is similar to 7WGO798.
Note: That is not the correct license plate but it could be something close to that.

***Photos of the suspect’s vehicle can be found on page 2 of this release.***

Anyone with information on the identity or location of the suspect and or the suspect’s vehicle is asked to call SDPD’s Traffic Division at (858) 495-7808 or the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477. Please visit www.sdcrostoppers.org for information on how to send a web or mobile app tip. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a $1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest in this case.

- Media inquiries about this case can be directed to Traffic Division Sergeant Victoria Houseman at (858) 573-5067 or via email at vhouseman@pd.sandiego.gov.

- Inquiries about Crime Stoppers can be directed to SDPD Officer Mark Herring at (619) 531-1500 or msherring@pd.sandiego.gov or Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547 or email at adriana.uribe@sdsheriff.org.