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MEDIA RELEASE

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UPDATE

The Eureka Police Department is still actively investigating the May 22, 2024 fatal pedestrian collision that occurred on the 900 block of I Street in Eureka. However, at this point in the investigation and supported by the evidence collected during the investigation, a Ramey Warrant was issued for Maria Cuevas, 30 years old from Eureka, for violations of Vehicular Manslaughter with Gross Negligence and Hit and Run Causing Death or Injury. Additional charges of felony DUI causing bodily injury were submitted to the District Attorney's office for review as Cuevas admitted to using Nitros Oxide just prior to the collision.

Cuevas is currently in custody at the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on the above noted charges and is being held on \$65,000 bond and a probation hold.

Humboldt County Coroner's office has identified the decedent as David Sprague from Eureka. The investigation is ongoing and EPD is asking if anyone witnessed the collision to please contact the Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) at 707-441-4300.

Subject: Multiple vehicle traffic collision with pedestrian fatality

On Wednesday, May 22 at approximately 1:45 pm, Eureka Police Department (EPD) and Humboldt Bay Fire (HBF) responded to a vehicle versus pedestrian collision on the 900 block of I Street. While responding, additional reporting parties called advising multiple vehicles had also collided on I Street near 7th Street, and one of the involved vehicles collided into a building. Extrication was needed for occupant of one of the vehicles.

Upon arrival, EPD and HBF personnel took over lifesaving efforts from bystanders. However, the 66-year-old male pedestrian succumbed to his injuries. Several occupants from the involved vehicles were transported to the hospital for injuries.

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A member of EPD's Major Injury//Fatal Traffic Investigation Team responded to the scene to conduct the investigation. Additionally, EPD Detectives and Evidence Technicians responded to assist with collecting witness statements and evidence.

Based on preliminary findings, it appeared a vehicle was traveling north on I Street, collided with the pedestrian in the roadway near 9th Street, continued traveling north, collided with additional vehicle(s) near 7th Street, and then collided into a building.

The decedent has been identified and the Humboldt County Coroner's office is working to notify next of kin.

This is an active investigation and EPD is asking if anyone witnessed the collision to please contact the Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) at 707-441-4300.

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