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UPDATE: Auto-Pedestrian Fatality Mountain View Corridor & Real Vista Drive

HERRIMAN, Utah

On Wednesday, August 24th, 2022, at approximately 5:40am, the Herriman Police Department responded to an auto versus pedestrian crash at the intersection of Mountain View Corridor northbound and Real Vista Drive. An adult male driver of a black pickup truck struck a female pedestrian while making a right turn from westbound Real Vista to northbound Mountain View. The female pedestrian was traveling along the east sidewalk of Mountain View going southbound. An off-duty Heber City police officer was one of the first on-scene and began rendering medical aid to the victim. Paramedics from our partners at the Unified Fire Authority took over life-saving efforts but unfortunately were not able to revive the victim, and she was pronounced deceased on scene from obvious traumatic injuries.

The female victim is identified as 38-year-old Stefanie Whittaker of Herriman. Ms. Whittaker's family has been notified and we are providing assistance to them in navigating this tragedy. Ms. Whittaker had been out jogging in the early morning hours prior to sunrise along a route that was common for her to take.

The adult male driver of the pickup truck remained on-scene and has fully cooperated with the investigation. There are no indications at this time that impairment or speed were contributing factors in the crash. Visibility due to the early hour and other environmental factors are still being investigated.

Investigation and reconstruction of this incident will be handled by the South Valley CRASH Investigators Unit, a shared-resource unit made up of members from the Herriman, Riverton, and South Jordan Police Departments who specialize in major accident reconstruction and forensic evidence. Our partners at the Utah Department of Transportation are assisting as well, as this crash occurred on a state-controlled highway.

In the past six months, there have been a total of nine crashes in the immediate area around this intersection. This is not unusual for an intersection along Mountain View Corridor. Our Herriman City engineering team, working with our partners at UDOT, evaluates every traffic conflict point to address potential safety issues and identify ways to make our residents' transit safer. This intersection is already included in the Herriman City capital projects plan for a traffic signal which is currently scheduled for 2025.

We urge all members of the public to be cognizant of their surroundings and pay attention to both vehicles and pedestrians during transit. Particularly during hours of reduced visibility or at night, pedestrians are encouraged to wear reflective clothing and consider carrying a light.

No additional information regarding this incident will be released at this time.

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