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Culver City Police Department
PRESS RELEASE
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BURGLARY SUSPECT INVOLVED IN FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENT AFTER A PURSUIT

On March 24, 2021 at approximately 07:12 AM, Culver City Police Department received a 911 call of multiple burglaries from vehicles that had just occurred in the area of the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, 9500 block of Jefferson Boulevard. The reporting party observed a male suspect look into several parked vehicles, break into two of them, and steal property, including a backpack. The reporting party stated that the suspect also possibly stole a silver Lexus after he entered it and manipulated some wires. The suspect then fled the location in the Lexus with the victim's property.

Officers quickly responded and were able to locate the suspect vehicle in the area of Obama Boulevard and Hauser Boulevard. Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop, however the suspect failed to yield, and a vehicle pursuit ensued. Officers pursued the suspect vehicle to the area of La Brea Avenue and Obama Boulevard, where the suspect collided into another uninvolved vehicle. The suspect failed to stop at the scene of the collision and continued fleeing. Officers immediately contacted the victim of the hit and run, who suffered minor injuries. Shortly thereafter, due to the suspect's erratic driving and the danger posed to the community, the pursuit was discontinued, while the suspect continued to flee.

Sometime later, officers learned that the suspect vehicle had been involved in a solo traffic collision in the area of Overhill Drive and Springdale Drive. The suspect's vehicle ran off the road and collided with a tree, causing the suspect to become entrapped. LA County Fire Department Paramedics and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department responded and pronounced the suspect deceased at the scene. No one else was injured in this accident.

The California Highway Patrol and the Los Angeles Police Department's responded and handled the traffic collision investigations.

The suspect, a 35-year-old male, was found be on probation for burglary with an active felony warrant and priors for burglary.

Anyone seeking further information is asked to contact Culver City Police Department Public Information Officer Lieutenant Estrada at 310-253-6316.