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DOUBLE FATALITY HIT & RUN TRAFFIC COLLISION **UPDATE**

Pasadena, CA – On October 18, 2023, at 9:17 PM, the Pasadena Police Department received a call about a multi-vehicle collision at the intersection of Raymond Avenue and Penn Street. Upon arrival, officers discovered a Lincoln Navigator had collided with a Nissan Versa. The driver of the Nissan Versa was pronounced deceased at the scene and his passenger died later at a local hospital. The occupants of the Lincoln Navigator fled the scene.

The Nissan driver was identified as 63-year-old, Antonio Mendoza-Hernandez, a Los Angeles resident. The passenger was identified as 33-year-old Veralice Yanira Membreno Orellana, an Altadena resident.

The Pasadena Traffic Section quickly identified the suspect in the deadly Hit & Run collision as 30-year-old, Jeffrey Butler, an Altadena resident. With the assistance of the Robbery Homicide Unit (RHU) and Street Crime Unit (SCU), suspect Butler was arrested on Thursday, 10-19-23, just outside his home. Traffic Section detectives executed a search warrant at Butler's residence where evidence was collected.

Butler was booked for P.C. 192 (C)(1), vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence, P.C. 20001(A), hit and run resulting in death, and P.C. 3056, violation of parole.

The Traffic Section Detectives will present the case to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office on Monday, October 23rd, 2023.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to call the Pasadena Police at (626) 744-4241 or report information anonymously by contacting "Crime Stoppers" at (800) 222-TIPS (8477), via your smartphone by downloading the "P3 Tips" Mobile APP on Google Play or the Apple App Store, or by using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.

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