



Press Release

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PRESS RELEASE

Subject : Hit and Run Collision Causing Power Outage

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At about 3am on Wednesday 11-24-09, officers responded to a single vehicle traffic collision in the 2300 block of Manhattan Beach Blvd. A vehicle traveling west bound on Manhattan Beach Blvd collided with a power pole causing the pole to shear and power lines to fall.

When emergency personnel arrived on scene, the vehicle was already on fire, and due downed voltage lines personnel could not approach the vehicle and water could not be used to extinguish the flames.

After the power was cut and the flames were extinguished, it was found that the vehicle was unoccupied. Witnesses observed a male subject walking away from the collision and believed him to be the driver. The registered owner of the vehicle told police that he had loaned the car to his 27 year old son, and did not know his whereabouts.

The collision caused power outages in residential and commercial areas of north Redondo Beach. By 6am most electrical service had been restored, but according to Edison the complete repairs will take at least 24 hours. The west bound lanes of Manhattan Beach Blvd will be closed from Inglewood Av. to Redondo Beach Av. until repairs have been completed.

The investigation is being handled by the Redondo Beach Police Dept. Traffic Investigations Division. For further information Traffic Investigator William Turner can be contacted at (310) 379-2477.