



Vacaville Police Department

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Press Release

Today's Date: 02/22/2012
Date & Time 02/21/2012 @ 0645 hrs
Occurred:
Submitted By: Officer Rod Neal
Phone: 707.449.5260
Type of Vehicle vs. Bicyclist Collision
Crime/Incident:

POLICE SEEK WITNESSES TO ACCIDENT INVOLVING BICYCLIST

A bicyclist allegedly crossing an intersection against the red light suffered major injuries Tuesday morning when he was struck by a vehicle.

Vacaville police and fire departments responded to the intersection of Peabody Road and California Drive at 6:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21 for a vehicle vs. bicycle collision. When emergency crews arrived they found a 32-year-old American Canyon resident injured in the roadway.

Officers spoke with the driver and independent witnesses and learned the bicyclist was riding his bicycle eastbound on California Drive toward Peabody Road. The driver, a 31-year-old Vacaville resident, was driving his 2012 Toyota Tundra northbound on Peabody Road in the right lane toward California Drive. The northbound traffic light was red as the driver approached the intersection and slowed down to stop. As the driver approached intersection, the northbound traffic light turned green and the driver continued into the intersection.

Unbeknownst to the driver, the bicyclist was crossing Peabody Road against a red light. The driver did not see the bicyclist approaching from his left and struck the bicyclist within the intersection. The bicyclist was not wearing a bicycle helmet at the time of the collision.

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The bicyclist was flown to UCD Medical Center via Calstar air ambulance for severe head trauma, facial injuries, broken ankle, and possible broken ribs. If anyone has additional information or may have witnessed this collision should contact Officer Smith with the Traffic Section at 707.449.5200.

The Vacaville Police Department would like to remind all bicyclists the rules of the road are the same for bicyclist as they are for cars. Please wear a bicycle helmet and ride safely.

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