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PRESS RELEASE

I. DATE AND TIME OF PRESS RELEASE: August 8, 2012 @ 0900 hours

II. ANNOUNCEMENT: Fatal Traffic Collision / Case #12-004684

III. FACTUAL INFORMATION:

On August 8th, 2012 at about 0034 hours, an LPD Officer came upon a solo motorcycle collision in the area of E/B Murrieta Blvd. and Portola Ave. The officer immediately began lifesaving efforts, but the motorcycle rider, Daniel Vanderhoofven (31 year old Livermore resident) was pronounced deceased at the scene. The preliminary investigation revealed the collision occurred when Vanderhoofven failed to negotiate a slight curve in the roadway causing his motorcycle to exit the roadway and collide with the Murrieta Blvd. sound wall. A witness to the collision was located. No other vehicles were involved in the collision. The investigation is ongoing.

The Livermore Police Department Traffic Unit is investigating this collision and urges anyone who may have witnessed this collision to contact Officer Dave Boyes at (925) 371-4896.

This is the second fatal traffic collision to occur in Livermore in 2012, and the first involving a motorcycle. In 2011 there were two fatal collisions involving motorcycles. In both of those collisions, excessive speed by the motorcyclist was deemed to be the cause of the collisions. The number of motorcycle related collisions has remained fairly constant over the last few years with 21 collisions in 2011, 20 in 2010, 17 in 2009, and 23 in 2007 and 2008. Prior to this current fatal collision, in 2012 there have been 11 motorcycle related collisions in Livermore with 7 of those collisions resulting in injuries to the rider.

The Livermore Police Department dedicates significant effort in motorcycle safety through both education and enforcement efforts. These efforts include; the annual motorcycle safety awareness event held on the second Saturday in May, the display of LPD's Motorcycle Safety Awareness trailer at a variety of events during the year, motorcycle safety presentations at Livermore high schools, and dedicated motorcycle safety enforcement efforts.

IV. CONTACT PERSONS:

Press related concerns should be directed to Sgt. John Hurd 925-371-4857