



# PRESS RELEASE

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Type of Case: Hit and Run Vehicle Collision with fatality / Case #2109-0439

Date/Time Reported: September 2, 2021 / 8:07 p.m.

Location of Occurrence: Ramon Road east of Landau Blvd., Cathedral City, CA.

## **Synopsis of Incident**

On September 2, 2021, at 8:07 p.m., CCPD Officers and CCFD Firefighters were dispatched to an injury collision involving a truck and a pedestrian on Ramon Road, just east of Landau Blvd. CCPD and CCFD responded immediately and arrived on scene moments later. Upon the arrival of CCPD and CCFD, an unconscious male was located in the westbound lanes of Ramon Road. The male had serious injuries to his head and body. He was immediately transported by CCFD to Desert Regional Medical Center for treatment. The male was identified as a 44-year-old Cathedral City resident. His name is being withheld pending notification of his family. The male at the time of this press release is in critical condition at Desert Regional Medical Center.

The investigation revealed the male was struck by an older model Dodge Ram crew cab truck. An image is included below. After the collision the driver of the truck surveyed the scene on foot. He then returned to his truck and fled. An image of the driver is also included below. At this time the driver and vehicle have not been located. Cathedral City Police are seeking the community's assistance in locating the driver and vehicle involved in this injury collision.

## **UPDATE**

On September 3, 2021, at approximately 3:03 a.m. the pedestrian from the traffic collision died at Desert Regional Medical Center from his injuries. The pedestrian's family were notified by the Riverside County Coroner's Office of his passing. The pedestrian from the collision was identified as Jose Elias Campuzano, a 44-year-old resident of Cathedral City, CA.

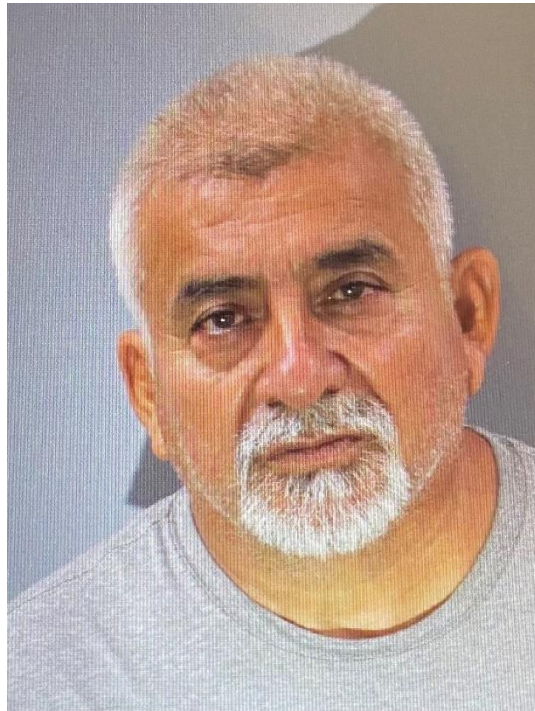
On September 3, 2021, at approximately 4:45 p.m. Antonio Leon-Sanchez a 57-year-old resident of Cathedral City, CA, contacted CCPD. Leon-Sanchez turned himself into Cathedral City Police Officers without incident. Leon-Sanchez admitted to being the driver of the vehicle at the time of the collision. Leon-Sanchez cooperated fully with the investigation. Leon-Sanchez was booked at Cathedral City Police Station for hit and run. Leon-Sanchez was released from police custody with charges to be file

with the District Attorney's office.

Cathedral City Police Department Traffic Division is still actively investigating this case and gathering more facts about the collision. If you have any information related to this case, please contact Cathedral City Police Department.

If you have information related to this incident or *believe* you may have information, please contact Cathedral City Police Traffic Bureau at 760-770-0300 / Sergeant Nate Hanley at 760-770-0328 or via the Cathedral City Police Department website at: [cathedralcitypolice.com](http://cathedralcitypolice.com).

If you have information possibly associated with this incident, you may also report your information anonymously through the WeTip hotline at: 1-(800)-78-CRIME or [WWW.WETIP.com](http://WWW.WETIP.com). Some tip information may qualify for a cash reward.



Antonio Leon-Sanchez