



# CATHEDRAL CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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George Crum, Chief of Police

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Cathedral City, CA 92234

# PRESS RELEASE

**Date: April 9, 2024**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: Cathedral City Police Department (760) 770-0300**

**Issuing Employee: Sergeant Barnett**

**Type of Case: Fatal Traffic Crash/ 2404C-1097**

**Date/Time Reported: April 9, 2024, at 2107 hours.**

**Location of Occurrence: Cathedral Canyon Drive between 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Corral Road**

### **VICTIM INFORMATION:**

Name: Male

Age: 19-year-old

City of Residence: Cathedral City

### **Synopsis of Incident:**

On April 8, at approximately 2107 hours, Cathedral City Police officers responded to a traffic crash involving two vehicles at the intersection of 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Cathedral Canyon Drive.

Synopsis of traffic crash:

A vehicle (Vehicle 1) traveling at a high rate of speed northbound on Cathedral Canyon Drive crashed into a vehicle (Vehicle 2) making a southbound left-hand turn from Cathedral Canyon Drive onto 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Vehicle 1 then continued traveling northbound and crashed into a mailbox, causing vehicle 1 to go into a sideways skid. Vehicle 1 continued traveling northbound in a sideways skid, and crashing into another mailbox, continuing in a northbound sideways skid into a driveway, crashing into two parked vehicles. Vehicle 1 traveled over 1000 feet from the initial crash site at Cathedral Canyon Drive and 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Two loaded, unregistered handguns were located inside vehicle 1 at the scene of the crash.

Vehicle 1 had severe traffic crash damage. The 19-year-old male driver was transported to a local hospital with major injuries where he later succumbed to his injuries. Vehicle 1 had four passengers: a juvenile male, a juvenile female, a 20-year-old female, and a 21-year-old female. Cathedral City Fire transported the four passengers to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. It was last reported two of the females suffered fractures, and the remaining passengers' injuries were minor.



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Vehicle 2 had significant traffic crash damage, and the driver was not injured. The passenger of vehicle 2 was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The identity of the deceased will remain **CONFIDENTIAL/ NOT FOR RELEASE** at this time, pending appropriate identification and notifications by the Riverside Coroner's Office.

If you have information related to this incident or believe you may have information, please contact the Cathedral City Police Department at (760) 770-0300; or Traffic Investigator A. Felix at (760) 770-0343, [afelix@cathedralcity.gov](mailto:afelix@cathedralcity.gov); or via the Cathedral City Police Department website at: [cathedralcitypolice.com](http://cathedralcitypolice.com); or email [tips@cathedralcity.gov](mailto:tips@cathedralcity.gov) . You may also report information **anonymously** through Coachella Valley Crime Stoppers, by calling (760) 341-STOP; or 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.