

# MORE EVIDENCE EMERGES!

## SECOND PERSON NOW LINKED TO DEATH OF TEEN CELESTE RIVAS HERNANDEZ LAPD REPORT

By Daniel Diquinzio

HOLLYWOOD HILLS—On September 8, the body of the missing teenager, Celeste Rivas Hernandez, was found in an abandoned Tesla vehicle that was left in an impounded lot in Hollywood Hills. Authorities have revealed that a second person has been linked to the death of the teen. The vehicle belonged to singer, D4vd.

Authorities have not yet revealed the name of the person. Homicide detectives of the Los Angeles Police Department have been investigating the disappearance of the teen for months.

The LAPD have been able to use this social media data and the cell phone data of the singer D4vd, who is now a suspect, to determine that this second person visited the Hollywood Hills impound lot.

In addition, the authorities suspect that this person was in the vehicle, where the body of Celeste Rivas Hernandez was discovered. No arrests have been made in the case. The investigation is ongoing.

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) stated on its



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website they are aware of the recent stories posted by various media outlets about the D4vd/Celeste Rivas investigation and would like to dispel some misinformation contained in their reporting.

"The body of Celeste Rivas was not frozen when it was discovered on September 8, 2025. She had not been decapitated. We have evidence that D4vd travelled to the Santa Barbara area sometime during Spring 2025. The reason for that trip is still under investigation and no conclusions at this point about the relevance of the trip to this case.

As far as the court order, the LAPD sought to seal the records of the Los Angeles County Medical Examiner's investigation into Celeste Rivas' death. That order was sought only to ensure detectives from Robbery-Homicide Division learned of important information surrounding her death before the media and the public. The order was not sought to undermine transparency. No other information will be provided at this time," the LAPD stated.

## BHPD PROMOTES LT. RENATO MORENO TO RANK OF CAPTAIN

By Danny Jones

BEVERLY HILLS—The Beverly Hills Police Department announced on Tuesday, November 25 the promotion of Lieutenant Renato Moreno to the rank of Captain, effective starting Saturday, November 29. In this role, Captain Moreno will lead the Field Services Bureau, overseeing Patrol Operations, Traffic Bureau, Jail Operations, SWAT, and the K9 Unit.

Since May 2025, Captain Moreno has served as Acting Captain of the Field Services Bureau, where he has shown strong leadership, decisiveness, and a strong commitment to officer development and community safety. He has a wealth of knowledge and has held many key roles during his distinguished career, including Patrol Officer, Crime Suppression Officer, School Resource Officer, Field Training Officer, Internal Affairs Supervisor, and recently, Traffic Bureau Commander.

"Captain Moreno is a valuable



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member of the Beverly Hills Police Department and brings 29 years of dedicated law enforcement experience. We

are pleased to have him in this permanent leadership position and look forward to the positive impact he will continue

to have on our officers and the Beverly Hills community," said Chief Mark G. Stainbrook.

## SMPD AWARDED GRANT FOR TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

By Danny Jones

SANTA MONICA—The Santa Monica Police Department announced on Monday, November 24 that it received a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to support its ongoing enforcement and education programs to help reduce the number of serious injuries and deaths on our roads. The grant program runs through September 2026.

"We are grateful to receive this grant, which will strengthen our traffic enforcement efforts and improve road safety. Through a combination of education and enforcement efforts, our goal is to reduce dangerous driving behaviors, prevent crashes, and make our roads safer for everyone," the SMPD stated.

The grant will provide additional programs and resources, including:

-DUI checkpoints and pa-



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trols focused on stopping suspected impaired drivers.

-High-visibility distracted driving enforcement operations targeting drivers in violation of California's hands-free cell phone law.

-Enforcement operations focused on the most dangerous driver behaviors that put the safety of people biking or walk-

ing at risk.

-Enforcement operations focused on top violations that cause crashes: speeding, failure to yield, stop sign and/or red-light running, and improper turning or lane changes.

-Community presentations on traffic safety issues such as distracted driving, impaired driving, speeding and bicycle

and pedestrian safety.

-Collaborative enforcement efforts with neighboring agencies.

-Officer training and/or recertification: Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE).

"Through focused traffic enforcement and education, we're working toward a future where everyone will be safe on California roads," said OTS Director Stephanie Dougherty. "By encouraging people to prioritize safety in their daily choices, we are creating a strong road safety culture together."

Funding for the program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

## ONE PERSON ARRESTED AND FOUR FLEE AFTER MULTI-CAR CRASH

By Daniel Diquinzio

WEST HOLLYWOOD—On Thursday, November 21, a multi-vehicle traffic collision occurred near noon next to West Hollywood City Hall, which is located on the 1000 block of North Sweetzer Avenue. When West Hollywood Deputies responded, they arrested one person, but four other people fled the scene.

One of these vehicles struck a garbage truck and also hit the bushes outside an apartment building. According to one of the witnesses, the events leading to this collision began on Santa Monica Boulevard in the parking lot of Joey's Restaurant, where a man was alleged to have been peering into the windows of parked cars and trying to break open the window.

After being yelled at, he



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jumped into a car and drove off. The driver turned left onto Santa Monica Boulevard, then right onto North Sweetzer Avenue, where he hit another vehicle and forced it into the garbage truck. The first vehicle went over the curb and into the bushes in front of the apartment building.

According to a witness to the collision, two calls were made to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to report the crash and attempted theft that occurred at Joey's restaurant.

The authorities are working to determine if the people who fled from the crash site are connected to the person who committed the attempted theft at the restaurant. The investigation is ongoing.

## HOLIDAY SWEATER COMMUNITY RIDE

By Danny Jones

SANTA MONICA—The city of Santa Monica posted on their Facebook page on November 24 that the Holiday Sweater Community Ride will take place on December 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 17th Street/SMC Metro Station.

Individuals can join city staff and Santa Monica Spoke for a bike tour of the Bergamot Area First/Last Mile Improvements.

There will be a quick bike-handling refresher and safety tips at 10 a.m. At 10:30 a.m., there will be a guided ride featuring key stops that highlight new design features,



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treatments and how to use them confidently.

Need a bike: Metro Bike Share is available at the station (rides are \$1.75 per 30 minutes). Route ends at: 19th St and Expo Bike Path. Individuals who rent a Metro bike can return it at the 17th St/SMC Station.

After the ride, everyone is invited to continue the holiday cheer with a casual meetup at Santa Monica Brew Works. Optional, bring an unwrapped toy, which SM Spoke will distribute to children in need this holiday season.

## WORKSHOP FOR PCH QUICKBUILD ROUNDABOUT PROJECT

By Danny Jones

MALIBU—On November 24, the city of Malibu announced that residents are asked to join the city and Caltrans for the in-person community meeting on Tuesday, December 2 at 5:30 p.m. at Malibu City Hall to learn about and share feedback on the PCH Quick-Build Roundabouts Project at El Matador State Beach and Encinal Canyon Road.

The project was identified as part of the 2015 Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) Safety Study that was accepted by the Malibu City Council on June 22, 2015, for implementation. The comprehensive traffic safety study was completed in collaboration between several agencies and organizations. The study examined road conditions, determined accident patterns, assessed traffic conflicts, and developed strategies to improve safety on PCH corridor



Photo courtesy of the city of Malibu Facebook page.

in Malibu.

The purpose of the project is to improve the safety and operations of Pacific Coast Highway by placing the roundabouts at the intersections of Encinal Canyon Road and El Matador State Beach to improve safety through reducing vehicular speeds, enabling safe conditions for parking and pedestrian crossings, improving visibility, and providing pedestrian refuge.

The project aims to decrease speeds, improve safety for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians, and make crossings safer near El Matador and Encinal Canyon. These locations were identified in the 2015 Pacific Coast Highway Safety Study, which examined collision data, traffic patterns, and pedestrian conflicts throughout the Malibu corridor. Construction is expected to start in early 2026.

## CEO BRAD LIPSHY IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF TWO KILLED IN FATAL CRASH

By Daniel Diquinzio

SANTA MONICA—On Friday, October 24, two people were killed in a collision that occurred on Wilshire Boulevard in Santa Monica. One of the individuals killed in the crash has been identified as a chief executive officer of a company.

Brad Lipshy, 61, was killed in the crash and is the CEO of an event planning firm based in Santa Monica.

The collision occurred near the Von's grocery store in the 1300 block of Wilshire Boulevard. The crash transpired after 9 p.m. According to the



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Santa Monica Police Department, a vehicle was traveling the wrong way as it was driving westbound via the eastbound lanes.

The vehicle went onto the south sidewalk and struck Lipshy and the other person who were both killed at the scene. The name of the other victim has not been disclosed to the public.

The Major Accident Response Team of the Santa Monica Police Department is investigating the collision.

## PUBLIC ENCOURAGED TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

By Danny Jones

MALIBU—The city of Malibu posted on its Facebook page that it is encouraging the public to participate in Small Business Saturday.

Malibu wants to welcome a wave of new local businesses opening. Shoppers can come check out the new restaurants, boutiques, fitness studios, dance studio, Jiu Jitsu studio, home décor and art shop, surf shop, indoor golf range, sunglasses shop, perfumery, and



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auto-detailing shop.

"This weekend is the perfect chance to show your love for our local shops and restaurants that keep our community unique, creative, and vibrant. Each business in the community brings fresh energy, creates jobs, and builds the gathering places that make Malibu so special," the city of Malibu posted on its Facebook page.