



HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE

CRIME: DUI Collision / Arrest

On Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at about 6:10 PM, Hawthorne police officers responded on a report of hit and run traffic collision in the 13600 block of Lemoli Avenue. A victim was driving a car north on Lemoli Avenue and turning into a driveway on the west side of the street, when the suspect's vehicle (also travelling northbound) collided with his from behind.

The suspect, later identified as Shaun Maher, a Los Angeles resident, drove his vehicle onto the west sidewalk of Lemoli Avenue as he fled the scene of the initial collision. As Maher continued driving northbound on the sidewalk, his vehicle struck five additional parked cars. Maher then drove back into the street, continuing north on Lemoli Avenue, where he then struck a sixth parked car.

Hawthorne police officers contacted Maher as he attempted to walk away from his disabled vehicle (a blue Buick sedan), near the intersection of 135th Street and Lemoli Avenue. Maher was identified as the driver of the car during the collisions by the initial victim, as well as additional witnesses. Maher was placed under arrest for suspicion of driving under the influence and hit and run. Maher does have a prior conviction for driving under the influence from 2009.

The Hawthorne Police Department Traffic Bureau is investigating this incident. Anyone with further information is asked to contact the Traffic Bureau at (310) 349-2701.

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