

## HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## PRESS RELEASE

CRIME: Felony DUI Traffic Collision with Significant Injury

On January 20, 2017 at approximately 3:47 am Hawthorne Police Officers were dispatched to the intersection of 135<sup>th</sup> Street and Prairie Avenue in regards to a traffic collision. Hawthorne Police officers arrived to the scene and located two vehicles that had been involved in a significant collision. There were two injured adults and a three-month-old baby who had been significantly injured as a result of the collision. Hawthorne Police Officers began CPR on the three-month-old baby until LA County Fire Department personnel arrived and took over care for the baby. Two adults were transported to local hospitals where they are being treated and the three-month-old baby was transported to a local hospital and is in extremely critical condition.

Subsequent investigation revealed that one of the vehicles involved was travelling northbound on Prairie Avenue approaching the intersection of 135<sup>th</sup> Street and the other vehicle involved was travelling southbound on Prairie Avenue, making a left turn onto 135<sup>th</sup> Street. The two vehicles collided during the turning movement and the vehicle making the left turn was occupied by two adults and the three-month-old baby. The driver of the vehicle making the left turn was suspected of DUI and was arrested at the scene. The three-month-old baby was not properly secured in a car seat and was on the lap of the front passenger when the collision occurred.

If anyone was a witness to the traffic collision to the above incident, please call the Hawthorne Police Department at 310-349-2703 or 310-349-2727.

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