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Friday, February 5th, 2021:

On February 4, 2021, at approximately 1941 hours, DHSPD officers were dispatched to the area of Palm Drive and Twentieth Avenue for a traffic collision involving a vehicle and a pedestrian.

Based on statements and evidence at the scene, officers determined the driver of a gray Volkswagen SUV, identified as a 69-year-old male resident of Cathedral City, was traveling southbound on Palm Drive. The pedestrian, a 37-year-old male resident of Indio, was walking in the roadway of southbound Palm Drive, pushing a shopping cart. It is unknown if the pedestrian was crossing the roadway or walking in the middle of the roadway, but he was struck by the SUV in the number two (right hand) southbound lane. According to the driver of the SUV, he did not see the pedestrian until immediately before the collision and was unable to take evasive actions. The pedestrian sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene. The driver of the SUV did not sustain any injuries and was transported to the police station. He was later released.

The Desert Hot Springs Police Department Major Accident Investigation Team responded to the scene and is investigating the collision.

Media Inquiries should be directed to Doria Wilms, Assistant City Manager and Public Information Officer for the City of Desert Hot Springs at (760) 333-0518 or via email at dwilms@cityofdhs.org

Anyone with further information about the collision is asked to contact Corporal Johnston at (760) 329-6411 extension 358 or Detective Elias at (760) 329-6411 extension 373. Individuals can also contact the Watch Commander, (760) 329-2904 Ext.302. If you wish to remain anonymous you can call Crime Stoppers at (760) 341-STOP.
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Anyone wishing to provide additional information on this case should contact Sgt. Christopher Saucier with the Desert Hot Springs Police Department at (760) 329-2904 ext. 382 or the Watch Commander, (760) 329-2904 Ext.302. If you wish to remain anonymous you can call Crime Stoppers at (760) 341-STOP.

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