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Man arrested in connection with 2023 fatal hit and run collision that occurred on Mission Boulevard/Orchard Avenue

HAYWARD, Calif., On 04-07-2024, 36-year-old Hayward resident, Angelo Tollardo was arrested and charged for the fatal hit and run that occurred September 6, 2023, at approximately 5:36 p.m. near Mission Blvd and Orchard Ave.

On the night of the incident, officers responded to the report of a hit and run collision involving a vehicle and bicyclist at the listed intersection.

Officers arrived on scene and found the bicyclist, unconscious and suffering from injuries related to the collision. The bicyclist, later identified as 55-year-old Hayward resident, Christopher Pena, was transported to a local medical facility where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

The driver of the involved vehicle fled the scene at a high rate of speed prior to officers' arrival. It was believed the driver was the sole occupant inside the car at the time of the collision.

Witnesses described the vehicle as a gray, early to mid 2000's model Mercedes E350, with silver colored five spoke rims. The vehicle was believed to have major front-end passenger side damage as a result of the collision.

On 09-14-2023, the vehicle believed to be involved in the collision was recovered after it had been altered, set on fire, and abandoned. It was also determined that the recovered vehicle had previously been reported as stolen.

As the investigation continued, Traffic Officers identified Tollardo as the man they believed to be responsible for the fatal hit and run of Pena.

A criminal complaint warrant was issued by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office for Tollardo and, on 04-07-2024, Tollardo was taken into custody, in Hayward, by patrol officers.

Angelo Tollardo has been charged with vehicular manslaughter and felony hit and run.

Chief Matthews issued a statement on the matter saying, *“I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to our dedicated Traffic Bureau for their hard work, commitment and diligent efforts in identifying, locating, and apprehending the man believed to be responsible for this tragic incident. Their perseverance has been instrumental in bringing justice for Mr. Pena and for his family.*

To the Pena family, please accept my sincerest condolences. While this arrest cannot erase the pain you are experiencing, our hope is that it may serve as a small step toward healing. May you find some measure of comfort knowing our thoughts are with you as you continue to navigate your grief.”

This is still an active investigation, and anyone with information is asked to contact our Traffic Bureau at 510-293-7169.

The Hayward Police Department case number is 2023-50676.