



# **Fresno County Sheriff's Office**

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## **News Release**

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## **Hit & Run Crash Victim Dies; Detectives Arrest Suspect for Murder**

A man has died after being struck in a hit & run vehicle collision. He has been identified as 48 year old Jaime Loza of Del Rey.

This case is being investigated as a homicide. Sheriff's homicide detectives have arrested the man responsible. Rolando Sanchez, 54, of Del Rey has been booked into the Fresno County Jail on a charge of murder.

Around 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, sheriff's dispatchers received a report of a man in the road suffering from injuries after a vehicle struck him near Carmel and Morro Avenues in Del Rey. Deputies and EMS personnel arrived and worked to transport the victim (Jaime Loza) to the hospital. Homicide detectives responded to take over the investigation. Loza later passed away on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Deputies were unable to locate the driver and vehicle responsible for the crash at the scene. However, they developed information of a possible vehicle involved and this being an intentional act. The following day, detectives located a black Chevy Tahoe believed to be involved in the hit & run. Detectives conducted a vehicle stop near S. Bethel and E. Jefferson Avenues. They examined the Chevy Tahoe and contacted the driver, Rolando Sanchez, who was eventually arrested.

This remains an ongoing investigation. Anyone with additional information is asked to please contact Detective Jose Diaz at (559) 600-8204 or Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-7867, [www.valleycrimestoppers.org](http://www.valleycrimestoppers.org) You will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward. Reference case # 23-3130.