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San Francisco Police Arrest Driver Involved in Fatal Traffic Collision

On Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at approximately 7:00 AM San Francisco Police officers responded to Geary Boulevard and Gough Street regarding a vehicle collision involving a pedestrian. Officers arrived on scene and immediately rendered aid to the victim. Despite the life-saving efforts of the officers, the pedestrian — a 50 year-old male San Francisco resident — was declared deceased at the scene.

The driver, 26-year-old San Francisco resident Raja Whitfield, remained on scene and cooperated with the investigation. Whitfield was transported to the hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. The preliminary investigation determined that impairment was not a factor.

Whitfield was later booked into San Francisco County Jail on charges of manslaughter (192(c)(1) PC), reckless driving (23103(a) VC), speeding (22350 VC), and entering a crosswalk on a red signal (21453(a) VC).

Today's fatality marks the 7th pedestrian who has died as a result of a traffic collision this year. The San Francisco Police Department reminds the public that we must share the road and obey traffic laws as we also share a responsibility for each other's safety.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to call the SFPD 24-Hour Tip Line at 1-415-575-4444 or Text a Tip to TIP411 and begin the text message with SFPD. You may remain anonymous.

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