

Placerville Police News Release



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20 Year Old Placerville Man Arrested in Connection with Deadly Hit-and-Run Collision

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Placerville, CA – On April 23rd, 2021 at approximately 8:31 pm, Placerville Police dispatch received multiple reports of a vehicle that had struck a pedestrian in the 1800 block of Broadway Drive. It was reported that the vehicle had initially stopped, but then sped away, traveling eastbound on Broadway Drive. The vehicle was described as a dark colored sedan.

When Placerville Police Officers arrived on scene they located the pedestrian and started life saving efforts. The pedestrian, Ronald Ameral, had suffered major injuries and once medics arrived, he was immediately taken to a local hospital. Despite heroic efforts by police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and emergency room staff, Mr. Ameral succumbed to his injuries.

An investigation into this collision was initiated immediately. Placerville Police Investigators examined evidence collected at the scene of the collision and with the assistance of an automotive parts expert the suspect vehicle was identified as a 2007 or 2008 Infiniti G35. The investigative team was able to locate video surveillance at a business near the scene of the collision and identified the vehicle as a dark colored Infiniti G35.

On April 30, 2021 investigators identified the driver, as 20 year old Efrain Gonzalez. The investigative team went to Gonzalez's Placerville home, where Gonzalez and his vehicle were located. Gonzalez confessed to being the driver of the vehicle that struck Mr. Ameral the night of the fatal hit-and-run collision.

Gonzalez was arrested and booked into the El Dorado County Jail for Vehicular Manslaughter with Gross Negligence and being involved in a Hit-and-Run Collision causing a Death. Gonzalez's bail was set at \$225,000.

We would like to thank the El Dorado County District Attorney's Office investigative team for assisting our investigators.

The Placerville Police Department sends our deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Ameral.

Anyone with additional information is asked to call Detective Pratt at (530) 642-5210, as this is still an ongoing investigation.