



Elk Grove Police Department **Press Release**

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Elk Grove Suffers Another Pedestrian Traffic Accident

ELK GROVE, CA – On September 26, 2007, at 11:37 a.m., the Elk Grove Police Department responded to the intersection of Laguna Blvd. and Old Creek Drive for a reported traffic collision involving a vehicle and a pedestrian. Officers arrived on scene and found the pedestrian lying in the number three lane of Laguna Blvd. just west of Old Creek. The pedestrian was identified as 16-year-old, Keneesha Jefferson, an Elk Grove resident, lying in the roadway, breathing but unconscious. Officers immediately began first aid and she was transported by ambulance to the UC Davis Medical Center, where she remains in critical condition.

The driver of the vehicle was identified as 51-year-old Elk Grove resident, Linda Martin. Martin was driving her Honda Civic in the number three lane of Laguna Blvd. when she struck Jefferson. Martin was contacted by officers at the scene and a subsequent investigation revealed that she was driving while under the influence of marijuana. Martin was arrested under Vehicle Code Section 23152(a), suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and transported to the Sacramento County Main Jail, where she was booked on her charges. She was later released after posting bail.

Based upon the statements taken at the accident scene, it appears that Jefferson was crossing Laguna Blvd. just west of the Old Creek Drive intersection outside of the crosswalk and against a red light for her direction. She ran to the center median, where she turned, and re-crossed the Laguna Blvd. lanes of traffic, back to where she started. As Jefferson entered the number three lane of westbound traffic, she was struck by oncoming traffic and may not have known traffic was as close as it was.

The Elk Grove Police Department has investigated several of these tragedies this year and wants to remind everyone to follow the traffic laws and pay attention to your surroundings. It is imperative that adults teach their children the importance of traffic laws and roadway safety, even though they may not be old enough to drive.

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