

Mysterious death of S.B. man investigated

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SAN BERNARDINO — An investigation is under way into the mysterious death of a 39-year-old man who was struck and killed by a West Side Interceptor.

The man collapsed and died a few minutes after the crash, according to San Bernardino police officers at the scene.

Toxicologists have been ordered to autopsy the body of James Alexander Connor, who died early Tuesday morning at San Bernardino County Medical Center.

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PCP, sometimes used to give animals tranquilizers, said a government veterinarian told a human who ingest it superhuman strength.

"The man was a good, good, good size, a big, powerful man who was known to bench press 400 pounds," Maudsley said.

When the officers arrived and attempted to subdue the man, a struggle ensued, Maudsley said. Several officers sustained minor abrasions and bruises in the struggle to handcuff the man, he said.

Connor was taken to the medical center for tests to determine whether he was, in fact, under the influence of drugs.

Medical center personnel were able to revive the man and place him in the intensive care unit before he died of a heart attack.

"There was nothing at all found in the autopsy report to the fight with the officers," Maudsley said. "All of the things you look for in cases like these regarding excessive force by the officers were not there."

"We've been receiving calls all day about the man's death. He was not beaten or injured by the officers or run over by our officers—nothing like that," Maudsley said. "The man was taken to the medical center and placed in the intensive care unit before he died of a heart attack."

Deputy Coroner Hammock said the only apparent injury the man suffered in the struggle with police was a small laceration to the forehead.

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Dentist's wife now in S.B. jail

ONTARIO — A dentist arrested in connection with the slaying of her dentist husband whose body parts were found in Baja California, is being held in San Bernardino County Jail as evidence is collected from Mexico.

The dentist, a resident of Ontario, was arrested Tuesday, Sept. 6, by the Ontario Mounted Police. She was taken to Ontario where she was booked for investigation of murder, said Detective John Johnson.

Her estranged husband, Roxanna Reddy, 39, of Ontario, was fatally shot Aug. 20 in an Ontario motel room, police said.

Deputy District Attorney Dan Reddy is the resident of Ontario for Reddy to be Friday, after evidence from Mexican authorities is received and translated from Spanish. He said the woman is a Haitian national who maintained a home in Mexico.

Reddy, who practiced general dentistry in San Bernardino, was the dentist who worked in a room at the Super 8 Motel, where his wife had booked a room, police said.

His dismembered body was found in five trash bags that were placed in a road near Rosaria Beach, a police spokesman said. Reddy's car became stuck in a ditch near there and had to be towed.

Officers of Mexico's State Judicial Police arrested Reddy Aug. 23. She was released on bond. Ontario police discovered the bloody car tracks Aug. 21, the same day Dr. Reddy's secretary reported the dentist missing.

Mexican authorities agreed to return Reddy to the U.S. because the murder had not been committed in Mexico and did not involve any Mexican nationals, authorities said.

Reddy is a student at a technical school in Ontario, maintained a home at Tolo Santos, a small town just south of Escondido, police said.

may be assessed to raise campaign money for Bader, said Lucero, a patrolman for the Sacramento Police Department.

PORAC will make no endorsement in Goggin's 96th District, Lucero said, because Goggin is a resident of San Bernardino, businessman Albert E. Miller, does not meet PORAC standards.

The PORAC action Tuesday culminated in a meeting that began Aug. 12 when the local PORAC chapter endorsed Bader while obtaining in the 96th District, Lucero said, and 28, the statewide PORAC group endorsed Goggin and Kramer over Bader.

Lucero said Goggin's Criminal Justice Committee, on which Bader serves, would include in its list of candidates those who would be supported by PORAC.

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Police . . .

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Officers related to the officers PORAC represents at Patton.

Goggin learned the squabble a few days ago, according to Patton PORAC representation of Patton officers' representatives. Correspondents from Patton and hospital security, they are represented by the California Correctional Officers Association.

The Association has jurisdictional battle after some heavy-handed intervention by Assembly

Speaker Willie Brown. An opposition bill by Assemblyman William Leonard, R-San Bernardino, drew support of his Democratic base.

Lucero said PORAC will support Kramer's opponent, former Pasadena Mayor and member of the 60th Assembly District campaign this fall. Kramer barely defeated the incumbent in the two-year ago. The rematch is expected to be a hard-fought, big-spending affair heavily financed by both parties.

Members of the local chapter

Holiday . . .

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cause of the crash is under investigation.

A Torrance man, Robert Burnett, 38, was killed when his homemade ultralight aircraft crashed on a lake in Lake Sherran, Aug. 28.

Sherran, Aug. 28, of North Laguna, apparently died of heat exposure on Aug. 28, after being struck in desert sand north of Baker, Sheriff's Sgt. Mark A. Pence, 38, had driven onto a side road off Highway 127, about 20 miles north of Baker when the car became stuck and they decided to walk out for help. Lt. Gene Rogers of Bantore said.

A Ridgecrest man was killed when his car overturned on U.S. Highway 360 north of Kramer Junction, CHP Officer Bill Ripley said.

James B. McAlpine, 60, was died at the scene of the 7:20 p.m. accident Monday.

Meanwhile, a 7-year-old boy was killed Saturday when he was thrown from a motorcycle on Canyon Arroyo Road, identified as Larry L. Cors, 17, of Fullerton.

A Ukiah man was killed from injuries received when his motorcycle struck the back of a moving truck on Highway 101 north of Bear Valley Road near Victorville, CHP Officer Jim Roden said.

Lawyer James B. McAlpine was killed after noon at Victor Valley Community Hospital. The accident was one of 20 that occurred in the Victor Valley area over the weekend, and the second fatal recorded there over the three-day holiday.

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not stangle out one group of contractors.

Price said the ordinance supplements state law by maintaining the confidentiality of vendor records by requiring treatment for persons infected with VD.

These changes provided the ordinance with broad protection against challenges of unconstitutionality, invasion of privacy and double jeopardy, as measured by state law than did the previous drafts, Price said.

The ordinance requires that the vendor examination be obtained 10 days after the arrest, service of the order, or release from custody, he said.

The examination results must be forwarded to the public health department by requiring treatment for persons infected with VD.

The ordinance will be considered for final approval at the Sept. 20 council meeting.

Pioneertown water fees OK'd

SAN BERNARDINO — County supervisors voted final approval Tuesday for levying a fee of \$43 on each of 328 properties in the Pioneertown area of the Coachella Valley to finance design work and assessment proceedings toward reconnection of the area to the desalinated water system.

The county board had no opposition to the project.

R.C. youngster critical after falling in pool

RANCHO CUCAMONGA — A 3-year-old Rancho Cucamonga boy was in critical condition Tuesday night after falling into a backyard pool during a Labor Day celebration, sheriff's deputies reported.

Jeremy Hertel was playing in the pool during a Labor Day celebration when he fell into the pool, deputies said.

Hertel was taken to Loma Linda University Medical Center.

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