



## **Sacramento Woman Killed in Pedestrian Accident**

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An 80-year-old Sacramento woman was [fatally injured](#) Thursday when she was hit by a car while walking her dog in a crosswalk in North Natomas. Lifang Chow Liou sustained major injuries when she was struck by an eastbound vehicle as she and her dog were in the crosswalk at North Park and Banfield Drive shortly before 8 a.m. Ms. Liou was transported from the scene to an area hospital where she was pronounced dead. Her dog was found unhurt and running loose. The driver stayed at the scene of the collision and police do not believe drugs or alcohol were a factor.

### **Sacramento Auto Accident Lawyers**

The cause of this Sacramento injury accident remains under investigation, although it appears the driver of the car bears at least some responsibility. In all pedestrian versus car collisions, witness accounts are essential. However there may be other information that can influence who will be deemed responsible, in whole or in part, for a pedestrian versus vehicle incident. California Vehicle Code Section 21950 states that “[t]he driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian” within a crosswalk, and that a driver approaching a pedestrian in a crosswalk “shall exercise all due care and shall reduce the speed of a vehicle or take any other action relating to the operating of the vehicle as necessary to safeguard the safety of the pedestrian.”

Nothing is more devastating than losing a loved one, especially if it is unexpected and as the result of someone’s negligence. The law provides that certain family members, usually a spouse, child or parent, have the right to recover compensation for certain losses if someone

is liable for causing another person's death. These losses include both economic and non-economic damages. The most significant economic loss recoverable in a wrongful death claim is typically the loss of financial support and other benefits that the deceased would have provided in his or her lifetime to the person making the claim. Non-economic damages include the loss of love, support and companionship of the deceased person.

## California Pedestrian Accident Attorneys

Although the official determination of fault is important, a detailed investigation beyond what is contained in the police report is often necessary to determine who is liable for a victim's injuries or death. In such cases, the family of a deceased accident victim should contact an experienced [California Personal Injury Attorney](#) who will hire investigators and accident reconstruction experts to fully evaluate the cause of the collision and explore all available legal options.

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