



## Pedestrian Killed in Sacramento DUI Accident

A pedestrian was struck and killed on Sunday night by a driver of Chevy pickup across Northgate Boulevard. The driver, Vincent Velasquez, 34, of Sacramento, was arrested and taken to the jail on suspicion of driving under the influence. The fatal Sacramento accident, which occurred at approximately 7:12 p.m is still under investigation.

## California DUI Accident Attorneys

When a DUI accident results in serious bodily injury or death, California law provides for felony charges against the offender. Despite these serious consequences, California Highway Patrol statistics indicate that in 2008 alone, there were 1,355 fatal collisions caused by drunk drivers. For some reason, it remains almost tacitly acceptable to drive after drinking in our society as long as you don't get caught. The price that is paid is too high. Since some people don't seem to be getting the message, California should do more to prevent DUI related deaths, including stiffer penalties for all offenders, alcohol treatment programs, ignition locks, and programs like mandatory designated drivers.

For a pedestrian versus vehicle incident. California Vehicle Code Section 21950 states that "the 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."

## Sacramento Wrongful Death Lawyers

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.

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