



## Sacramento Bicyclist Killed in a Hit and Run Accident

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A 55-year-old Vanessa Gail Hall-Macon, died in a **hit and run Sacramento accident** on Saturday evening. The fatal accident occurred in Arden Arcade when a drunk driver drove onto the sidewalk along Hurley Way west of Bell Street and struck the victim. Ms. Hall-Macon was transported to the UC Davis medical Center where she was pronounced dead. The driver left the scene of the Sacramento accident however shortly after that he was located by police. Corey Demetricus Hazewood was arrested on suspicion of manslaughter while intoxicated, driving under the influence and hit and run..

**Driving under the influence of alcohol** is a crime that can result in felony charges when crash victims sustain serious personal injuries. Unfortunately, no matter how strong the laws against drunk driving, and no matter how strong public opinion seems to be against this type of conduct, some people simply cannot help themselves. The results are tragic. The California Highway Patrol Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System indicates that in 2008, there were 1,355 fatal collisions involving drunk drivers.

California law requires that a driver that has been involved in a collision to stop and provide his or her license and insurance information, regardless of the level of seriousness or extent of injury. Failing to do so can result in **criminal charges including a felony hit & run charge when a victim sustains serious bodily injury**. CHP statistics indicate that 22,091 safe drivers were injured in 2008 by irresponsible drivers who caused hit and run collisions.

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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. Anyone who has lost a loved one as the result of another's negligence or carelessness is advised to contact an experienced **California Personal Injury Attorney** who will hire investigators and accident reconstruction experts to conduct a thorough investigation of the incident, advise the victim of all legal rights, and file a lawsuit if necessary to obtain fair compensation.

If you or a loved one is injured or dies in a hit and run accident, you are strongly advised to consult with an experienced **Sacramento Personal Injury Attorney**. In hit and run cases, law enforcement does not always have the time or resources to investigate and track down a hit and run driver. A knowledgeable Sacramento Personal Injury Lawyer can investigate and hold a hit and run driver responsible for his or her actions. A good **California Auto Accident Attorney** will advise you of all your rights with regard to a civil claim for damages and recovery under all available insurance policies.

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