

Sacramento Hit-and-Run Accident Fatal for Bicyclist

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A 30-year-old woman died on Thursday afternoon after being **hit by a car in Sacramento** while riding her bike on Watt Avenue. At around 6 p.m., the victim was struck by vehicle driven by Dorothy Lee Jefferies, who proceeded to flee from the scene. Evidence collected at the scene led authorities to the Mayhew Bingo Center on Tech Center Drive, where Ms. Jefferies admitted to hitting something on the roadway, though she claimed she didn't know what it was. She was arrested and booked into Sacramento County Jail on suspicion of hit-and-run and involuntary manslaughter.

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California Highway Patrol statistics indicate that in 2008 alone, 22,091 people were injured by irresponsible drivers in hit-and-run collisions. California law requires a driver that has been involved in a collision to stop and present his or her license and insurance information, regardless of the level of seriousness or extent of injury. Failing to do may result in criminal charges including a felony hit and run charge if a victim sustains serious injuries.

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 **Sacramento 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.

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