



## Vacaville Police Department

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## *Press Release*

**Today's Date:** 4-1-09  
**Date & Time Occurred:** 4-1-09, 12:35 a.m.  
**Submitted By:** Sgt. Terry Cates  
**Phone:** 707.449.5259  
**Type of Crime/Incident:** Auto versus pedestrian collision  
**Pedestrian:** James Sillen d.o.b. 9-19-80

### **Update:**

At approximately 3:10 p.m., April 2, 2009, the Contra Costa County Coroner's Office called to report James Sillen was deceased. His family was notified.

### **Narrative:**

On April 1, 2009, at 12:35 a.m., an on-duty officer witnessed an auto versus pedestrian collision with major injuries. The collision occurred on Alamo Drive south of Alamo Court. The officer saw a Ford Ranger traveling south on Alamo Drive in the #2 lane (closest to the sidewalk) when a male subject ran in front of the vehicle. The driver was not injured. He stated while driving at approximately 35 MPH, a subject suddenly appeared in front of his vehicle. Officers located the pedestrian trapped under the vehicle. The pedestrian was unconscious and suffering from major injuries. The pedestrian was identified as James Sillen 28 years of age and a Vacaville resident.

The Vacaville Fire Department responded and had to extricate the pedestrian. The pedestrian was transported via air ambulance to John Muir Medical Center for care due to the nature of his injuries.

Based on several witness statements and evidence, investigating traffic officer Jeff Polder has determined the pedestrian was at fault for being in violation of 21954 (a) of the California Vehicle Code which states, "Every pedestrian upon a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway so near as to constitute an immediate hazard."

The Vacaville Police Department would like to remind residents to exercise caution when crossing all roadways. Parents are encouraged to discuss pedestrian safety with their family regardless of age. Pedestrians must exercise caution when crossing the roadway, and may only do so when a vehicle is not close enough to constitute an immediate hazard. Should you have questions please call the Traffic Section @ (707)449-5282.