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Car crashes into side of train; one dead

Riverside CA – The lone occupant of a rented car sustained fatal injuries when the vehicle slammed into the side of a moving freight train at a crossing Monday morning in northeast Riverside.

The 2007 Nissan Sentra was traveling eastbound on Spruce Street at a speed of about 50 miles per hour, according to witnesses. The vehicle failed to stop for a stop sign at Watkins Drive and collided with the eastbound Burlington Northern-Santa Fe freight train at 9:34 a.m. The train was traveling in a northerly direction at the time and was well underway through the intersection. Witnesses estimated the locomotive to be a half-mile down the track at the time the motorist struck the left side of the train. The lone female adult occupant was killed on impact.



There was no indication of braking for either the stop sign or the railroad crossing.

The BNSF Spruce Street crossing at Watkins Drive does not have crossing arms but witnesses told police that warning lights and sounds were operating at the time of the crash.

Anyone with information helpful to this investigation is asked to call Riverside Police Traffic Detective Joe Avila at (951) 353-7985.

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