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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date: Saturday, May 17, 2008**  
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### **Fatal vehicle collision with palm tree**

Riverside, CA -- Two men died Saturday night in Riverside after the pickup truck they were riding in collided with a palm tree.

The truck was occupied by six people – two women and four men – all believed to be between the ages of 18-20, all from Riverside. According to witnesses, the copper colored 2003 Dodge Ram crew-cab four-door pickup was seen traveling southbound on Jefferson Street at more than 50 miles per hour. The pickup became airborne as it crossed the railroad tracks, just south of Indiana Avenue. Upon landing, the female driver lost control of the vehicle; the truck slid off of the roadway and collided with a palm tree.

One male passenger died at the scene. The remaining occupants were taken by ambulance to Riverside Community Hospital and Riverside County Regional Medical Center with serious injuries. A second male passenger died at RCH at about 11 p.m.

Members of the Riverside Police Department's Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) responded to the scene to investigate the collision. Anyone with any information helpful to this investigation is asked to contact Riverside Police Detective Ken Madsen at (951) 353-7989.

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