



ORANGE COUNTY
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Fatal Traffic Collision in Dana Point

DANA POINT, Calif. (May 7, 2025) On Tuesday, May 6, 2025, shortly before 12 p.m., Orange County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a single-vehicle traffic collision on Dana Point Harbor Drive in Dana Point. Deputies arrived and discovered that a pickup truck with six juveniles struck a tree.

The juvenile driver, 16-year-old Rebecca Cespedes of Dana Point, was found deceased at the scene. The other five juveniles were transported to local hospitals. Three juveniles (one female and two males) are in critical condition but are expected to survive. Two juveniles (one female and one male) sustained minor injuries. All juveniles are students at Dana Hills High School. It is currently unknown if drugs, alcohol, or speed contributed to this traffic collision.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department's Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) is investigating the collision. If anyone has additional details that may assist investigators or witnessed this traffic collision, they are asked to contact the Orange County Sheriff's Department's Traffic Bureau at 949-425-1860. Anonymous information may be provided through Orange County Crime Stoppers at 1-855-TIP-OCES.

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