



Sex offender linked to fatal hit-and-run

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SANTA BARBARA — A parolee and registered sex offender killed two pedestrians yesterday evening in a hit-and-run collision near Earl Warren Showgrounds, police officials said.

Santa Barbara police arrested Jon Steffen Peters, 46, for felony hit-and-run and violating his parole after detectives tracked him down using a global positioning satellite device used to monitor sex offenders, according to a Santa Barbara Police Department news release.

At 7:38 p.m. yesterday, emergency crews received reports of a vehicle collision that left two pedestrians in the roadway along Las Positas Road. Described only as a man and woman, as next-of-kin had yet to be notified, both victims were pronounced dead at the scene.

“A witness, who immediately came upon the collision, saw a silver or gray Chevrolet van leaving the scene, first

at a slow rate of speed and then it quickly sped up,” according to the news release. “The witness was able to get the license plate number.”

Police quickly determined the driver of the van was Peters, authorities said, and used the GPS tracker to locate him. The suspect had reportedly dropped the van off at a location that Peters had given as a secondary address to sheriff’s deputies the prior evening.

“The van had significant damage, which was consistent with the evidence left at the scene,” according to the news release. “Peters was transported to the police station where he subsequently admitted to leaving the scene of the fatal traffic collision.”

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