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Investigators arrest man suspected of felony hit and run in Laguna Hills

LAGUNA HILLS, Ca. (July 21, 2020) – Investigators with the Orange County Sheriff's Department Major Accident Reconstruction Team (MART) on Saturday, July 18, arrested a driver suspected of hitting and killing a pedestrian in a hotel parking lot and fleeing the scene.

At approximately 9:15 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, a pick-up truck struck a pedestrian in the parking lot of The Hills Hotel off La Paz Road in Laguna Hills. The driver fled the scene, heading eastbound on La Paz Road.

Deputies responded, along with the Orange County Fire Authority, to render medical aid to the victim. At the time, deputies were unable to locate the driver. The victim, a man in his 20s, was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased later that evening.

Through their investigation, MART identified the driver as Andrew Austin Arbuckle, 34, of Mission Viejo. He was arrested at approximately 2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, in the city of Mission Viejo.

Arbuckle was booked into the Orange County Jail on suspicion of felony hit and run causing death and driving on a suspended license. His bail is set at \$200,000.

Anyone with information or who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact the Orange County Sheriff's Department Traffic Office at 949-425-1860.

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