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Man suspected of Laguna Niguel hit-and-run arrested

LAGUNA NIGUEL, Ca. (July 27, 2022): Investigators with the Orange County Sheriff's Major Accident Reconstruction Team have arrested a man suspected of hitting a woman with his vehicle, causing serious injury, and fleeing the scene.

On Saturday July 9, 2022, at 1:30 a.m., deputies were dispatched to the intersection of Crown Valley Parkway and Golden Lantern in Laguna Niguel reference a traffic collision. Upon arrival, deputies found a 26-year-old woman in the roadway suffering from traumatic injuries. The female was crossing Crown Valley Parkway outside of a crosswalk and was struck by a vehicle that was heading westbound on Crown Valley at a high rate of speed. The vehicle fled the scene after hitting the victim. The woman was transported to the hospital where she was treated for serious injuries, but she is expected to survive.

Evidence from the vehicle that fled was located at the scene. Deputies determined that the vehicle involved was a dark-colored 2014-2018 Subaru. Using local Flock cameras, deputies identified a Subaru Forester that matched the description in the area shortly after the incident and attempted to contact the registered owner. It was later determined that the registered owner, Phillip Roebuck. 51, Laguna Niguel, fled California to a residence in Henderson, Nevada shortly after the hit-and-run.

After a thorough investigation, the Subaru Forester involved in the hit-and-run collision was located in the state of Nevada. Roebuck was arrested for felony hit-and-run in Newport Beach on July 26. The investigation into this incident is ongoing.

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