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# NEWS RELEASE

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: November 26, 2008

Contact: Sgt. Rick Martinez (714) 497-6608

Subject: **PUBLIC ACCIDENT - DEATH**

On Tuesday evening November 25th at approximately 11:00 PM, Anaheim police officers responded to the area of Katella Avenue and the Santa Ana riverbed regarding a person who fell down into the riverbed area. When officers arrived, they found a seriously injured 27-year-old male on the ground in the west bike trail beneath Katella Avenue.

It appears the male had just left a concert at the nearby Honda Center and was walking eastbound on the north sidewalk of Katella Avenue over the riverbed, along with other concert-goers. Witnesses report that the male then ran southbound across the traffic lanes of Katella Avenue as if he were attempting to get to the south sidewalk.

The westbound and eastbound traffic lanes of Katella Avenue over the riverbed area are separated by an opening approximately 10 feet wide, open to the river below. The opening is protected by barrier walls approximately 2 feet tall. Witnesses reported that they saw the man jump over the north wall, attempting to clear the gap. Unfortunately, he did not make it and fell to the riverbed area below, falling approximately 30 feet and landing on the concrete bike trail.

Anaheim Fire Department paramedics treated the victim and transported him to a local hospital. Despite the life-saving efforts, he passed away shortly after arrival.

*Released by Sergeant Rick Martinez*