



# ANAHEIM POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **TRAFFIC COLLISION INVESTIGATION**

**ANAHEIM, Calif.** (December 10, 2025) – Anaheim Police Department investigates an auto vs pedestrians traffic collision involving high school students.

On December 10, 2025, at 2:55 pm, Anaheim Police officers and Anaheim Fire & Rescue responded to a traffic collision at the intersection of Harbor Blvd and North St in the City of Anaheim. The preliminary investigation has revealed that an orange Toyota Corolla was traveling southbound on Harbor Blvd at North St on a green light when the driver veered off the roadway and struck several pedestrians who were standing on the southwest corner. A total of eight (8) pedestrians were injured and seven (7) of them were transported to hospitals with various injuries. Thankfully, their injuries were not considered life-threatening.

Further investigation revealed the pedestrians were members of Anaheim High School's Track and Field team, who were on a training run. They had stopped at the corner and were waiting for the signal to change when they were struck by the vehicle. The students were both male and female, their ages were 16-17 years old, and they were accompanied by their adult coach.

The driver, a 27-year-old Anaheim resident identified as Anthony Alva-Palafox, was also transported to the hospital for injuries sustained during the collision. Mr. Alva-Palafox displayed objective signs of intoxication, and investigators conducted a DUI investigation. There was probable cause to believe Mr. Alva-Palafox was operating a motor vehicle in an unsafe manner due to his level of intoxication. He was arrested on suspicion of DUI for both alcohol and drugs. His level of intoxication and drug type will be determined later through blood analysis.

Mr. Alva-Palafox's vehicle was impounded, and a search warrant is pending to determine if there was any evidence inside. The speed and other factors contributing to the collision are under investigation.

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Anaheim Police School Resource Officers and Anaheim High School officials responded to the scene to provide additional resources.

Traffic Investigators responded and continued the investigation, which is ongoing. The intersection was closed for approximately 4 hours.

Anyone with information about this incident to contact the Anaheim Police Department at 714-765-1900 or Orange County Crime Stoppers at 855-TIP-OCCS.



Anthony Alva-Palafax

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