

Nanny Injured While Saving 2-Year-Old From Oncoming Vehicle

By Macee Binns - Oct 18, 2017

GRIFFITH PARK — California nanny Caroline Maurer is recovering from the multiple injuries she sustained after being struck by a car. Maurer saved her employer's 2-year-old son from an oncoming vehicle that ran a stop sign in the Atwater Village neighborhood surrounding Griffith Park.

The incident occurred as Maurer was strolling the toddler around their neighborhood in Atwater Village at about 10:00 a.m. on March 28. The police report states that Maurer was at an empty four-way intersection with the child in his stroller as the pair began to cross the street. A car approached the intersection without stopping and made a left-hand turn toward Maurer and the 2-year-old boy, named Fox.

On Monday, October 16, Maurer told *Canyon News*, "We were only about a block away from Fox's home when the car ran a four-way stop sign and turned directly into us. I was terrified."

In a video shared on her YouCaring page this week, Maurer stated, "It was going to be him hit since he was kind of more in front of me. So, as the car turned in — I was screaming, 'Stop! Stop!' — and pushed Fox as hard as I could to get him out of the way." The nanny was struck by the car after she placed herself between the oncoming vehicle and the child's stroller.

Fox escaped the incident unharmed, while Maurer sustained multiple injuries, including fractured bones in her hands, wrists, and arms. She was hospitalized for more than two weeks following the incident. She

has undergone three surgeries to repair the damage to her arms and recently began physical therapy due to ongoing weakness in her hands.

Fox's parents recently started a YouCaring fundraising page to help Maurer, who is credited with saving their son's life, recover some of the costs of her medical expenses. They say Maurer has been unable to work or attend school since the incident, and she may never fully regain strength in her hands.

Fox's parents, Courtney Davis and Bill Wolkoff, wrote on the YouCaring page, "Caroline is a true hero, and we are forever grateful to her for saving our son's life."

TRAGEDY ON PCH AGAIN!

FATAL COLLISION KILLS BICYCLIST ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY WHERE DRIVER FLED THE SCENE

By Casey Jacobs

SANTA MONICA—The Santa Monica Police Department revealed that a fatal traffic collision occurred on Sunday, October 15 at around 7:03 p.m. after receiving a radio call for service involving a bicyclist at the 200 block of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH).

Lt. Saul Rodriguez of the SMPD indicated to Canyon News that officers found the bicyclist on the roadway suffering from significant trauma, later dying from injuries sustained. Lt. Rodriguez indicated that the Department will not be releasing the name of the victim at this time. The vehicle involved in the incident initially fled the scene, but later returned. The driver was not injured during the incident.

SMPD's Major Accident Response Team arrived on the scene to conduct a preliminary investigation that revealed the bicyclist was riding his bicycle northbound along PCH. The involved driver was travelling northbound along PCH and struck the bicyclist from the rear. The driver is cooperating with the investigation and there are no preliminary indications the

driver was impaired. SMPD Traffic Investigators will be conducting a thorough investigation into the incident and the circumstances surrounding the driver fleeing the scene.

When Canyon News asked Lt. Rodriguez about rather the driver could face charges, he responded, "Yes, Traffic Investigators will be reviewing and presenting their findings to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for review."

Carrie Wick, and her friend Kinya Claiborne were both witnesses on the scene, spoke to Canyon News via phone about what they saw. They were traveling southbound on PCH at around 7 p.m., when Claiborne spotted something in the northbound lane of the road and screamed. She informed Wick to do a U-turn and that's when they found the victim lying in the road. Wick and Claiborne were first to be on the scene, and upon realizing the victim was unresponsive called 9-1-1 for assistance.

Wick informed Canyon News that the victim had a huge back-

pack and tattoos over his body, and that 3 males perhaps in their teens or early 20s chased the driver who struck the victim and drove away from the scene. The three males followed the driver honking the horn, in an attempt to get the driver to stop. They also took pictures of the vehicle (which was reported as a White BMW) and later contacted the police as they were "afraid" once arriving at the driver's home. Both witnesses praised the 3 gentlemen who were responsible for helping authorities locate the driver who fled the scene.

Both Claiborne and Wick revealed that other vehicles pulled over to the side of the road because of the debris in the roadway. Claiborne revealed it took about 10 minutes before firefighters first arrived on the scene to treat the victim. She revealed after attempting to revive the victim, a sheet was placed over the victim to cover the body.

Police later arrived on the scene and asked witnesses if they saw the driver of the vehicle collide with the victim. Claiborne and Wick indicated that authorities dismissed



The Santa Monica Police Department are investigating a fatal collision involving a biker that occurred on the PCH on October 15.

from taking their statement after they revealed they did not see the actual collision take place. Wick revealed that the victim's leg was badly injured and blood was covered over the victim's face, calling the crime scene "horrific and gruesome."

Claiborne informed Canyon News that a young couple who was near the region saw the victim and his bicycle fly into the air after being struck. The victim has been identified as 23 year old Kazumasa Nozaki.

The case is still under investi-

gation, and authorities are looking to speak to anyone who witnessed the incident transpire. Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Investigator Pace or Olson at (310) 458-8954; or the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8491.

GARDENING WORKSHOPS OFFERED FOR KIDS

By Staff

BEVERLY HILLS—The city of Beverly Hills Community Service Department will be offering two gardening workshops for kids between the ages of 8-12 years old on Sunday, October 22 and Sunday, October 29 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Greystone Mansion Demonstration Garden.

According to a press release Canyon News received from Dana Beesen, Publicist for the city of Beverly Hills, children can enroll in an individual workshop or both. The price for each workshop is \$15 for residents of Beverly Hills and \$19 for non-residents.

The gardening workshops offer kids an opportunity to interact and learn what it takes to grow fruits and vegetables and develop their own garden. The workshop



Two workshops to teach kids about the importance of gardening and how to start their own garden will be held on October 22 and October 29.

will teach children the importance of tool safety, soil types, preparation and maintenance, introduction to seeds, plant selection, transplanting seedlings, plant nutrition and fertilizer, irrigation, mulching, seed tape and more.

Greystone Mansion & Gardens has a region that is aimed for a demonstration

garden to showcase outdoor venue where individuals can come together to promote the benefits of locally grown, organic food that is environmentally friendly, sustainable and cost-effective. Ongoing classes and community gardening efforts assist in keeping the demonstration garden alive.

The Doheny Estate includes a 46,000 square foot mansion and formal gardens on over 8.5 manicured acres. It was built in 1927 by the Doheny family, and the Greystone estate was purchased by the city of Beverly Hills in 1965. The grounds are open daily to the public, while private or group tours for the mansion are seasonal. The venue is available for private, corporate and non-profit event rental.

To register for the workshops, register online at www.beverlyhills.org/BHRegOnline or contact the Registration Office at (310) 285-6850.

For additional information about the gardening classes, contact Master Gardener Instructor, George Pessin at gp305@yahoo.com or call (310) 779-8816.

RENTAL REGISTRY NOTICES BEING SENT TO TENANTS

By Casey Jacobs

BEVERLY HILLS—The city of Beverly Hills is sending out rental registry notices to tenants in Beverly Hills of multi-family units to verify information from the city's rental registry.

According to a press release from the city of BH, the notice is aimed to verify the base rent amount reported to the city by the landlord, which will be used to calculate the amount of rent increases that will be allowed each year. Only tenants of units currently registered will receive the notices in the mail.

The Beverly Hills City



The city of Beverly Hills is sending out rental registry notices to tenants in Beverly Hills.

Council passed a rent stabilization ordinance earlier this year that halts rent increases to 3 percent per year, requires relocation fees for all tenants who are evicted without cause and establishes a rental unit registry

database. The ordinance allows landlords to appeal the rent increase limit as well.

If the rent amount in the notice is accurate, no further action will be required. If the rent amount is incorrect, tenants can file an appeal

within 15 days of the date on the notice. Appeals of incorrect rent amount can be filed online at www.beverlyhills.org/BHrentAppeal, in person at City Hall, First Floor Reception Desk at 455 North Rexford Drive, or by postal mail to the City of Beverly Hills – Rent Stabilization Program – 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

For those residents with questions about the notice or the appeal process, staff is available to assist at: (310) 285-1031 or visit www.beverlyhills.org/BHrent.

HELP NEEDED TO LOCATE TOMMY BERTOLLO

By George Morris and Donald Roberts

WEST HOLLYWOOD—The family of Tommy Bertollo is asking for the public's help to locate him. Bertollo is originally from the East Coast and has been reported missing by his family, and was last seen in the West Hollywood region.

Bertollo, 35, of New Jersey, has not been heard from in over a month. He was traveling from New Jersey to Los Angeles, "on a whim" WEHoville reported. He left his home on the East Coast in July. Bertollo's family and friends set up a Facebook page to help locate him. A post was made on October 11 reading:

"If you're here, thanks for accepting the invites. So far, there still hasn't been any news about Tommy's whereabouts. However, his car was located at Cynthia Street in West Hollywood



Tommy Bertollo, 35, was last seen in West Hollywood.

and was towed for a parking violation on October 2nd. So now in addition to Culver City, Venice and Newport Beach, he also has some connection to West Hollywood.

Some friends of Tom-

my's are going to California to try and look for him but there really isn't too much more we can do. His phone is off and it appears that he now has no place to stay. Please continue to share his picture and invites friends to

this page. Thanks to all who have reached out and offered support as well as share the information."

According to reports, Bertollo was living out of his car and surviving on food samples from places such as Costco and Whole Foods. He is believed to have lost weight and may have grown a beard.

Steven Casola posted on Facebook, "I just found out about Tom being missing from Danielle. I haven't seen Tom in forever, I hope he's OK. I've been in Venice and Santa Monica since Feb 17 of this year. If I can help at all call me or text me, 13107545836."

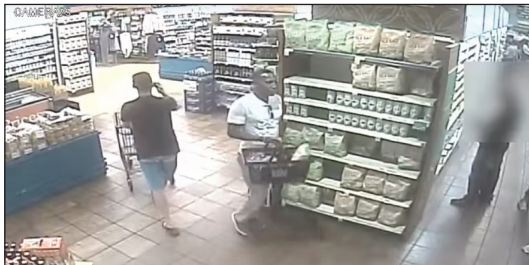
Bertollo is a white male who stands 6 feet and 1 inch tall. Anyone who has information about his whereabouts is asked to contact the police.

GRAND THEFT SUSPECT CAUGHT ON VIDEO

By Macee Binns

BEVERLY HILLS—Detectives from the Los Angeles Police Department Wilshire Station are asking the general public for help in identifying a grand theft suspect that was caught stealing on video.

On Tuesday, October 17, the Los Angeles Police Department released surveillance footage to the public showing two thefts taking place inside a Whole Foods grocery store in the Mid-Wilshire area over the weekend. According to the LAPD, the thefts occurred on September 10, between the hours of 1:05 p.m. and 3:25 p.m. at the Whole Foods located on the 6300 block of West 3rd Street in Los Angeles.



A grand theft suspect caught on video at the Mid-Wilshire Whole Foods market.

According to the LAPD Blog, the targeted victims were female shoppers who placed their purses in their shopping carts while looking at items on the shelves. During both incidents, the unidentified man approached his victims from behind, while their backs were turned, and

reached into their purses taking their wallets as he calmly walked away.

The suspect is described by the LAPD as a 30 to 40-year-old African-American male, with black hair, and brown eyes. He stands approximately 5 foot and 11 inches tall and weighs around 180 pounds.

Surveillance video from the store shows that the suspect was wearing a white shirt, gray pants and black tennis shoes with white soles on the day of the incident.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to call Detective R. Hernandez or Detective J. Cardenas at 213-922-8216. During non-business hours, calls should be directed to 1-877-LAPD-24-7 (1-877-527-3247). Those who wish to provide tips anonymously can do so by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477) or by visiting www.lapdonline.org, and selecting the "Anonymous Web Tips" option.

HUNT FOR BURGLARY SUSPECT AT APARTMENT COMPLEX

By Donald Roberts

HOLLYWOOD—The Los Angeles Police Department is asking for the public's assistance to locate the suspect responsible for a burglary that transpired at a Hollywood Apartment complex on October 6 at around 6:30 p.m.

According to the LAPD Blog, the suspect entered a large apartment complex's subterranean garage and loitered at the front door steps before gaining access to the

apartment lobby when a delivery man exited the establishment. The suspect went to the second floor and used an unknown pry tool to open the victim's apartment door, and placed the items into the bags obtained from the victim's residence and exited the building.

Police are describing the suspect as an African-American male, 25-30 years old, with a beard. He stands approximately 5 feet and 9

inches tall and weighs around 170 to 190 pounds. He was wearing a bright orange Under Armor hooded sweatshirt, camouflage pants, and grey running shoes.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact Hollywood Burglary Detective Aluotto at (213) 972-2929 or Detective Childs at (213) 972-2931. During non-business hours or on weekends, calls should be directed to 1-877-LAPD-24-

7 (1-877-527-3247).

Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477). Tipsters may also contact Crime Stoppers by texting to phone number 274637 (C-R-I-M-E-S on most keypads) with a cell phone. All text messages should begin with the letters "LAPD." Tipsters may also go to www.lapdonline.org, and click on "Anonymous Web Tips."