



# BREA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### DUI Traffic Collision Arrest

Brea, Calif. – On May 1, 2022, at approximately 8:00 a.m., the Brea Police Department responded to the area of Valencia Ave. and Carbon Canyon Rd. for a major injury traffic collision. Upon arrival, officers investigated the scene and discovered that the traffic collision was a result of a driver that was under the influence of drugs and alcohol. The DUI driver was identified as, Alina Megarit, a resident of Laguna Hills, CA.

Megarit was traveling at a high rate of speed on northbound Valencia Ave. and ran the red light at Carbon Canyon Rd., colliding into a vehicle occupied by 4 individuals in the middle of the intersection. The collision caused both vehicles to end up on the northwest corner of Valencia Ave. and Carbon Canyon Rd. All parties were transported to the hospital and one victim succumbed to their injuries.

After a thorough fatal traffic collision investigation, a warrant for the arrest of Alina Megarit was issued, which included a charge for murder (Penal Code 187).

Yesterday, on March 9, 2023, at approximately 9:00 a.m., the Brea Police Department's Traffic Division with the assistance of the Detective Bureau, served the arrest warrant. Alina Megarit was arrested and taken into custody. She remains in custody and her bail is set at one million dollars.

For all press inquiries contact Public Information Officer, Lieutenant Chris Harvey at (714) 990-7744 or [Charvey@cityofbrea.net](mailto:Charvey@cityofbrea.net).

We would like to thank the District Attorney's Office for their cooperation and their filing of appropriately serious charges against the driver and our Traffic Division for their diligence in investigating this case.

The men and women of the Brea Police Department send their sincere condolences and prayers to the victims' family and loved ones.

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