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SIERRA MADRE POLICE DETECTIVES ARREST A SUBJECT IN CONNECTION WITH A HIT-AND-RUN.

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The Sierra Madre Police Department (SMPD) has apprehended a suspect in connection with a hit-and-run incident on February 3, 2024. The incident unfolded at approximately 10:03 am on N. Baldwin Avenue near Montecito Avenue, involving a collision between bicyclists and pedestrians. The collision inflicted significant injuries upon the pedestrian, and the bicyclist fled the scene. The Sierra Madre Fire Department transported the injured pedestrian to a local hospital.

In the aftermath of the incident, the SMPD Detective Bureau conducted an exhaustive investigation, culminating in identifying a suspect. The individual in question has been identified as 49-year-old John Gabriel, a resident of the City of Los Angeles.

On April 6, 2024, SMPD Detectives, in collaboration with patrol personnel, executed a search and arrest warrant at Gabriel's residence and storage unit in the City of Los Angeles. Pertinent evidence related to the hit-and-run incident was gathered during the operation. Consequently, John Gabriel was taken into custody and booked for 20001(a) CVC – Hit and Run resulting in serious injury, a felony offense.

Gabriel is currently at the Pasadena Police Department jail, awaiting further legal proceedings. Formal charges are pending review by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

The Sierra Madre Police Department remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of all community members and will continue to diligently investigate incidents of this nature.

The SMPD urges individuals possessing information relevant to this collision or who may have witnessed the incident to step forward and contact Detective Nelson Ascano at (626) 355-1414 during business hours.

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