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DUI Accident – Driver drove off Wharf 2

On Sunday, April 7, 2024, at approximately 1:25 a.m., Monterey Police Department (MPD) officers were on foot on Alvarado and observed a green 1997 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck turn right from Alvarado onto Del Monte, driving the wrong way on a one-way street and broadcast it on the police radio. Another MPD officer located the vehicle in the left turn pocket from Del Monte to Municipal Wharf 2. The vehicle turned left onto Municipal Wharf 2 and the MPD Officer turned on their overhead lights to initiate a traffic stop at the foot of Wharf 2. The driver pulled to the right of the wharf and stopped. As the MPD officer approached the vehicle on foot, the truck fled northbound toward the end of the wharf at a high rate of speed.

The MPD officer called other officers for assistance, as he knew the truck did not have anywhere to go as he walked back to his patrol car. The officer drove to the end of the wharf and believed that the truck and its occupants were hiding behind the building on the end of the wharf. As other officers arrived, they blocked any exit routes with their vehicles. The officers then started to walk toward the end of the wharf to check the back of the building when they heard someone yelling for help from the ocean. Officers observed four people in the water and assumed they had jumped into the water to escape. The officers threw flotation devices to the people in the water and directed them to hold onto the devices and called fire rescue. It was not until the officers could not find the truck that they realized the truck had driven off of the wharf into the ocean.

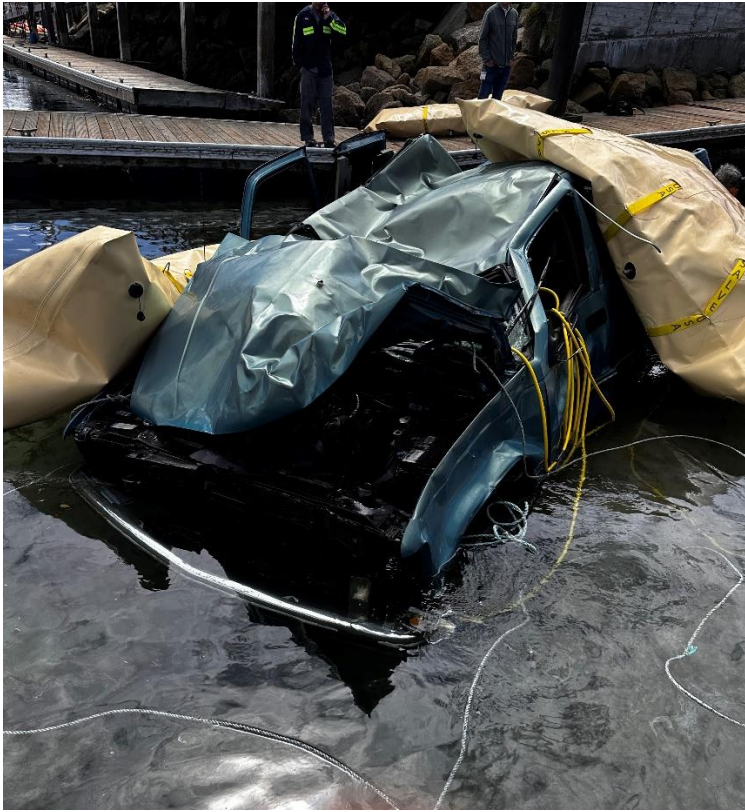
All four occupants were successfully rescued from the water by MPD officers, the Monterey Fire Department and the United States Coast Guard.

The investigation revealed that Martin Urroz, 21 years old, of Fresno, was the driver of the truck. Urroz suffered injuries as a result of driving off the wharf into the ocean and was transported to the Natividad Trauma Center. The passengers in the vehicle sustained minor injuries.

Urroz was arrested and released to the hospital to receive medical treatment for his injuries. Urroz was arrested for the following charges: 23153(a) CVC - Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, 23152(b) CVC - Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol with a BAC over 0.08%, and 148 (a)(1) PC – Obstructing/Resisting a Peace Officer.

The other occupants in the vehicle were medically treated for minor injuries and released.





Anyone with information regarding this incident are encouraged to contact Sergeant Greg Galin at 831-646-3872 or galin@monterey.org. To remain anonymous call (831) 646-3840

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