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Columbia Heights Pedestrian Fatality

On September 9, 2020 at approximately 6:27 A.M., the Columbia Heights Police Department and Allina Ambulance responded to report of pedestrian struck by a motor vehicle at the intersection of Central Ave NE and 44th Ave NE in the city of Columbia Heights.

Early indications show that a 65-year-old male was crossing on foot via the crosswalk going westbound on 44th Ave NE when he was struck by a Ford Ranger driven by a 25-year-old male going southbound on Central Ave NE. At the time of the crash, the pedestrian signage on 44th Ave NE was showing not to cross. The victim was transported to Hennepin County Medical Center where he was later declared deceased. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor and the driver of the Ford Ranger was not taken into custody.

The case remains under investigation by the Columbia Heights Police Department, Minnesota State Patrol, and the Anoka County Sheriff's Office. No further information will be released at this time. The Anoka County Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone to always follow traffic and pedestrian signals when on the roads.

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