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Woman Killed in a Fatal Collision, Man Charged with DUI Manslaughter and Child Endangerment

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A deadly collision in Murrieta on Thursday afternoon has led to the arrest of a man on multiple serious charges, including driving under the influence (DUI), manslaughter, and child endangerment. The crash occurred when a pickup truck ran a red light and struck another vehicle, resulting in the death of the woman driving the sedan.

The Murrieta Police Department reported that the accident took place around 5 pm near the intersection of California Oaks Road and Skyview Ridge. Jaime Ruiz Jr., 39, was driving a pickup truck westbound on California Oaks Road when he ignored a red traffic signal and collided with a sedan that was crossing the intersection.

The force of the impact caused both vehicles to spin and come to a stop. Ruiz was carrying one of his children in the pickup at the time. Police stated that Ruiz showed clear signs of being under the influence of alcohol, which contributed to the crash.

The woman driving the sedan, who has not yet been identified, was transported to a nearby hospital but was pronounced dead shortly after. Following the crash, Ruiz was arrested and charged with DUI gross vehicular manslaughter, DUI resulting in injuries, and child endangerment.

Ruiz was booked into custody but was released on bail the next morning after posting a \$75,000 bond. The child riding with him was not injured and was placed in protective custody.

Authorities remind drivers to always drive sober and obey traffic laws to prevent such avoidable tragedies. The case will proceed through the legal system as police gather further evidence.

Cooperation is vital in helping authorities fully understand the events that led to this fatal accident and in ensuring that justice is served. Murrieta police are continuing their investigation and are asking anyone with information about the incident to contact them at (951) 461-6899.