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Sheriff's deputies arrested a Perris man in connection with a hit-and-run collision that killed a Hesperia woman earlier this week.

Alonso Regalado, 21, was arrested Wednesday night at a residence in Victorville on suspicion of vehicular manslaughter and felony hit-and-run, according to a San Bernardino County sheriff's news release.

Investigators received a warrant for Regalado's arrest based on evidence recovered at the collision scene and witness interviews as part of the ongoing investigation.

Regalado was booked into the High Desert Detention Center in Adelanto and is being held in lieu of \$200,000 bail, according to online jail records. He is scheduled to appear Monday in Victorville Superior Court.

On Tuesday, deputies from the Hesperia Station and rescue personnel from the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** responded to a report of a pedestrian who was struck by a vehicle at 7:47 a.m. on Main Street near the intersection of Balsam Avenue, the news release stated. They found a woman, later identified as Deborah J. Marshall, down in the roadway with major injuries.

Marshall, 61, of Hesperia, died at the scene.

The driver of the vehicle that struck Marshall fled the area, but witnesses gave deputies a description and direction of travel. An unoccupied silver 2001 Ford Expedition, which was determined to have been involved, was found abandoned in the desert off Topaz Avenue several miles from the collision site, according to the news release.

Authorities searched the area for the driver, even using a tracking dog and a helicopter, but were unsuccessful. The investigation revealed that the driver of the Expedition was headed west on Main Street when it left the roadway over the curbing and traveled down the dirt shoulder, the release stated. Marshall was in front of a residence and she was struck by the vehicle as it passed.

The driver then returned to the roadway just east of Balsam Avenue and continued west without stopping.

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Victorville's law enforcement contract to rise 6 percent

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VICTORVILLE — The city's contract for law enforcement services will rise to \$25.4 million next fiscal year, up more than 6 percent over the current year despite identical staffing levels.

The City Council this week unanimously approved the agreement to begin July 1, technically ratifying the 42nd amendment to the original contract with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

City officials said the \$1.4 million increase was "directly related to salary and pension obligations being incurred by San Bernardino County in connection with its provision of police services."

While officials haven't yet identified the exact share, it's expected that law enforcement and fire protection services — the two elements that make up public safety — will continue to account for about 65 percent of general fund spending.

Staffing levels include four school resource officers — three for the Victor Elementary School District and one for the Victor Valley Union High School District.

Both districts reimburse the city 75 percent of the cost of each officer in arrangements memorialized separately from the sheriff's contract.

"We appreciate the time and effort the City Council put into reviewing and approving the proposed budget," Sheriff's spokeswoman Mara Rodriguez said. "We are proud of the partnership we have forged with the city and will continue to provide outstanding law enforcement services to the community."

In June, elected officials used a \$475,000 surplus to fund two new deputies and a marked patrol unit, as well as upgrade a fire engine at the airport.

The addition raised the total deputies in the city to 72 and the number of sworn personnel to 93. The Council has often sought to earmark extra revenues for public safety services, but officials have also been quite clear that public safety cost increases were ultimately unsustainable compared to lagging-behind tax revenues.

Measure K, a half-percent sales tax explicitly for public safety that was projected to generate \$8.5 million yearly, failed to garner two-thirds voter support in November.

Councilman Eric Negrete recently called for further discussion of the possibility of a similar tax, but the appetite among elected leaders would appear to have dwindled since last year.

Mayor Gloria Garcia has already gone on record to say she was not in favor of it, joining Councilwoman Blanca Gomez in opposition, while Mayor Pro Tem Jim Cox and Councilman Jim Kennedy have said they were willing to listen.

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