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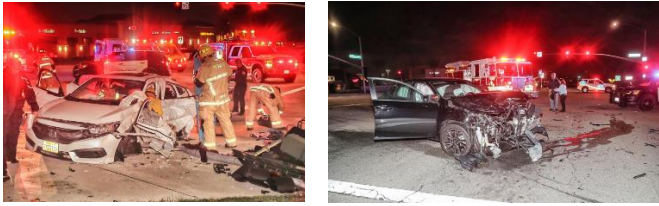
## News Headlines 03/22/2019

- Five people are injured in two-car collision in northern Fontana on March 21
- A piece of Oak Glen history goes up in flames
- Fontana man wounded by deputies confronted victim about a homicide, stole victim's phone

## Five people are injured in two-car collision in northern Fontana on March 21

Mike Meyers, Fontana Herald News

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This was one of the two cars involved in a collision in northern Fontana on March 21. (Contributed photo by Mike Myers)

Five persons were hospitalized as a result of a two-vehicle collision in the northern area of Fontana in the early morning of Thursday, March 21.

The Fontana Police Department and the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department responded to the incident, which occurred just after midnight at the intersection of Sierra Lakes Parkway and Sierra Avenue.

Firefighters and paramedics used the "Jaws of Life" to remove injured people from both cars.

According to a Fontana P.D. officer, the driver of a white Honda Civic was traveling westbound on Sierra Lakes Parkway at a high rate of speed and allegedly ran through a red light at Sierra. The driver of a black 2019 Honda Civic was traveling northbound on Sierra and had a green light and broadsided the white Civic.

The white Civic slid across the intersection and hit a light pole, knocking it down and trapping people in the car. The violent impact ejected the engine from the black Civic and it landed in the roadway.

It took emergency medical responders about 30 minutes to get all the victims out of the cars.

Four ambulances transported five people to hospitals with injuries ranging from moderate to serious.

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## A piece of Oak Glen history goes up in flames

Rachael Gustuson, News Mirror

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Mountain Town Museum in Oak Glen burns to the ground on Thursday, March 14.

A treasured piece of Oak Glen's rich history burned to the ground on March 14.

The fire was initially reported on the roof of Mountain Town Reptile Museum in Oak Tree Village, Oak Glen, sometime after 11 a.m., Thursday. According to reports, the flames engulfed the building within a matter of minutes.

Mountain Town Reptile Museum was home to many animals including exotic birds, iguanas, tortoises, rabbits and more.

"It's a terrible loss," said Ken Azzato, who was one of the first on the scene to rescue animals and a family member to the owners of Mountain Town. "The Lutheran Camp helped us get many of the animals out," he said with an emotional sigh. "It was so smoky, I couldn't get to the back room."

Azzato said he rescued many animals from inside the museum but sadly, other animals perished in the fire. The count was about 18, according to preliminary reports from Cal Fire.

"It's just a terrible loss," said Azzato. "The inside of Mountain Town was built in 1962. It's a piece of our history."

Another eye-witness, Kim Schofield said she noticed the flames on the roof at about 11:40 a.m. "It's very sad," she said.

Multiple fire and police agencies from surrounding areas including Cal Fire Riverside, Redlands Fire, **San Bernardino Fire**, U.S. Forest Service and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, and Yucaipa Police Department responded to the fire and surrounded the building.

According to a Cal Fire Public Information Officer, firefighters responded to the fire shortly before noon.

When firefighters arrived on scene there was already heavy smoke and fire at the structure. As of 1:25 p.m., on March 14, the fire was completely contained. It did not spread to any other structure or vegetation.

Shortly after the fire, there were initial (false) social media reports of upwards of 100 animals being burned in the fire. The misinformation spread quickly on social media, until the official owners of Mountain Town, Cal Fire and Yucaipa Police Department issued statements with the correct information.

Apple Annie's posted a Facebook update on March 15. It read, "To all our wonderful friends and visitors we want to thank you all for your wonderfully kind words. Yes, we did lose Mountain Town. We are extremely saddened, it was a place for fun and for families to visit and learn at our animal shows and field trips.

"The reports all over social media are extremely exaggerated. We were able to get out all the birds, and we only lost 12 reptiles and a few rabbits."

As of press time, March 20, Cal Fire still did not release the official cause of the fire. The News Mirror will update the story, as it becomes available.

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## **Fontana man wounded by deputies confronted victim about a homicide, stole victim's phone**

**Beatriz E. Valenzuela, Daily Bulletin**

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**San Bernardino County firefighters** treat a man who was shot by sheriff's deputies on March 20, 2019 in Fontana. Deputies had been staking out a house where the man, who was wanted for armed robbery, was seen. (Courtesy of Mike Myers)

A Fontana man shot and wounded by sheriff's deputies on Wednesday earlier had confronted a neighbor about being involved in a family member's homicide and brandished a handgun before taking the victim's phone, San Bernardino County sheriff's officials said Thursday.

Juan Bermudez, 30, of Fontana was wounded Wednesday afternoon after authorities said Bermudez refused to follow deputies' commands. Investigators recovered a handgun and narcotics at the scene, according to a sheriff's press release.

On Saturday, March 16, deputies were called to a home on Ceres Avenue for an armed robbery call.

The victim told deputies Bermudez confronted him about being involved in the murder of Bermudez' cousin last year, officials said. Bermudez then pointed a handgun at the victim and took his cell phone.

Authorities obtained a warrant and on late Wednesday morning, the Specialized Enforcement Division went to Bermudez' home in the 15000 block of Ceres Avenue to serve the warrants, the sheriff's statement said.

While preparing to serve the warrants, deputies saw Bermudez and another man enter an RV on the property, officials said.

Deputies "gave commands for both men to stop and comply; when a deputy involved shooting occurred," the sheriff's statement said.

The other man was detained and later released.

Bermudez was injured in the shooting and taken to the hospital. Sheriff's booking records show he has since been arrested and booked into West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga on suspicion of robbery and making threats.

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