

# SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

## TRAFFIC COLLISION REPORT

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**REPORT NUMBER:** SPD-2024-789

**DATE/TIME OF ACCIDENT:** March 15, 2024 / 15:30 hours

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Officer Jennifer Martinez, Badge #2847

**REPORT DATE:** March 15, 2024

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## INCIDENT LOCATION

**Address:** 1200 Block of Main Street

**City:** Springfield, CA

**County:** Central Valley County

**Weather:** Clear, dry

**Road Conditions:** Dry pavement, good visibility

**Traffic Control:** Traffic signal (functioning normally)

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## VEHICLES INVOLVED

### VEHICLE #1 (VICTIM)

**Driver:** John Smith

**DOB:** 06/15/1985

**License:** CA DL# D123456789

**Address:** 456 Oak Street, Springfield, CA 90210

**Phone:** (555) 987-6543

**Insurance:** State Farm Policy #SF-789456123

#### Vehicle Information:

- Year/Make/Model:** 2019 Honda Civic
- VIN:** 1HGBH41JXMN109876
- License Plate:** 8ABC123 (CA)
- Color:** Blue
- Damage:** Moderate rear-end damage, bumper displaced, trunk damaged

### VEHICLE #2 (AT-FAULT)

**Driver:** Sarah Johnson

**DOB:** 02/22/1992

**License:** CA DL# D987654321

**Address:** 789 Pine Avenue, Springfield, CA 90215

**Phone:** (555) 456-7890

**Insurance:** ABC Insurance Company Policy #ABC-456789012

**Vehicle Information:**

- **Year/Make/Model:** 2021 Toyota Camry
  - **VIN:** 4T1BF1FK8MU123456
  - **License Plate:** 7XYZ789 (CA)
  - **Color:** Silver
  - **Damage:** Front bumper damage, headlight cracked, hood dented
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**NARRATIVE/SEQUENCE OF EVENTS**

At approximately 15:30 hours on March 15, 2024, I responded to a two-vehicle traffic collision at the intersection of Main Street and First Avenue.

**Investigation Summary:** Vehicle #1 (Smith) was traveling southbound on Main Street in the right lane, approaching the intersection with First Avenue. The traffic signal was red, and Vehicle #1 came to a complete stop behind two other vehicles waiting at the light.

Vehicle #2 (Johnson) was also traveling southbound on Main Street in the same lane, approximately 50 feet behind Vehicle #1. According to witness statements and physical evidence, Vehicle #2 failed to brake in time and struck the rear of Vehicle #1 while Vehicle #1 was lawfully stopped.

**Impact Details:**

- Vehicle #2 struck Vehicle #1 at approximately 25-30 mph
- Point of impact: Center rear of Vehicle #1
- Vehicle #1 was pushed forward approximately 15 feet into the intersection
- No contact with other vehicles or fixed objects

**Driver Statements:**

**Smith (Vehicle #1):** "I was stopped at the red light when I felt a huge impact from behind. I saw the light was still red and there were cars in front of me, so I was completely stopped. I felt immediate pain in my back and neck."

**Johnson (Vehicle #2):** "I was looking at my phone to check a text message when I looked up and saw the cars stopped. I tried to brake but couldn't stop in time. I know I shouldn't have been on my phone while driving."

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## WITNESS INFORMATION

**Witness #1:** Maria Rodriguez

**Address:** 234 Elm Street, Springfield, CA 90210

**Phone:** (555) 321-6547

**Statement:** "I was in the left turn lane waiting for the light. I saw the blue Honda stopped normally at the red light. Then I saw the silver Toyota coming fast and not slowing down. The driver looked like she was looking down at something in her lap right before the crash."

**Witness #2:** Robert Chen

**Address:** 567 Maple Drive, Springfield, CA 90212

**Phone:** (555) 654-3210

**Statement:** "I was the car directly in front of the Honda that got hit. The Honda had been stopped behind me for at least 10-15 seconds when I heard the crash. The impact was pretty severe - loud bang and the Honda got pushed up close to my bumper."

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## CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

**Primary Cause:** Driver inattention (texting while driving)

**Secondary Factor:** Following too closely

**Weather:** Not a factor

**Road Conditions:** Not a factor

**Vehicle Defects:** None apparent

**Alcohol/Drugs:** Not suspected - no field sobriety tests administered

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## VIOLATIONS ISSUED

**Vehicle #2 Driver (Sarah Johnson):**

- **CVC 21703** - Following too closely - \$238 fine
- **CVC 23123** - Use of wireless communication device while driving - \$162 fine
- **Total Citations:** \$400

**Vehicle #1 Driver (John Smith):** No violations

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## INJURIES REPORTED

### Vehicle #1 (Smith):

- Complained of lower back pain
- Neck stiffness and pain
- Right shoulder pain
- **Medical Transport:** Transported to Springfield General Hospital by AMR Ambulance #47
- **Transported at:** 16:15 hours

### Vehicle #2 (Johnson):

- No injuries reported
  - Declined medical transport
  - Released at scene
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## PROPERTY DAMAGE

### Vehicle #1 (Honda Civic):

- **Damage:** Moderate to severe rear-end damage
- **Estimated Repair Cost:** \$8,500 - \$12,000
- **Towed by:** Jerry's Towing Service
- **Towed to:** Central Valley Auto Body, 890 Industrial Blvd

### Vehicle #2 (Toyota Camry):

- **Damage:** Moderate front-end damage
  - **Estimated Repair Cost:** \$4,500 - \$6,500
  - **Drivable:** Yes, driven from scene
  - **Owner arranged private towing later**
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## FAULT DETERMINATION

Based on physical evidence, witness statements, and driver admissions:

**PRIMARY FAULT:** Vehicle #2 (Sarah Johnson) - 100%

- Failed to maintain assured clear distance

- Distracted driving (cell phone use)
- Rear-ended vehicle that was lawfully stopped

#### **CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:**

- Admitted cell phone use while driving
  - Multiple witness confirmations of inattentive driving
  - Clear traffic control device (red light) requiring stop
  - Vehicle #1 was lawfully positioned and stationary
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#### **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

- Scene was cleared at 17:45 hours
- Traffic was diverted around scene for approximately 90 minutes
- No hazardous materials involved
- Johnson's insurance company (ABC Insurance) notified at scene
- Smith's insurance company (State Farm) notified by Smith

#### **Photos Taken:** 23 digital photographs documenting:

- Vehicle positions
- Damage to both vehicles
- Skid marks and debris
- Traffic control devices
- Scene overview from multiple angles

#### **Evidence Collected:**

- Johnson's cell phone records (subpoena pending)
  - Measurements of skid marks
  - Paint transfer samples
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#### **CASE STATUS**

**Status:** Investigation complete

**Charges Filed:** Traffic citations only

**Case Disposition:** Civil matter - insurance companies notified

**This report may be used in civil proceedings. Any questions regarding this report should be directed to the Springfield Police Department Traffic Division at (555) 555-0123.**

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**OFFICER:** Jennifer Martinez, Badge #2847

**SUPERVISOR REVIEW:** Sergeant Robert Thompson, Badge #1234

**DATE COMPLETED:** March 16, 2024

**CASE CLOSED:** March 20, 2024

*End of Report*