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NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

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SYNOPSIS:

On April 2, 2020, at approximately 5:04 PM, deputies from the Sheriff's Transit Enforcement Unit responded to a report of an Amtrak Train versus a vehicle collision. The incident occurred on the railroad tracks, at the Cassidy Street railroad crossing near Cassidy Street and South Meyers Street, in the city of Oceanside. A southbound Amtrak Train was traveling at approximately 60 miles per hour when the engineer observed a white pick-up truck, driving westbound, enter the railroad right-of-way and cross the path of the oncoming train. The train had been sounding its warning horn prior to the truck entering the railroad crossing but was unfortunately unable to stop before striking the vehicle. The solo occupant male driver was extracted from the vehicle and life flighted to Scripps La Jolla Hospital for treatment of his injuries. Anyone with information about this case can call the Sheriff's Department's non-emergency line at (858) 565-5200.

Source of Information: Jason Burk, Sheriff's Department, Transit Enforcement Unit.

Call Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 with information and you will remain anonymous. You can also download the P3 anonymous tip app. You may be eligible for up to a $1,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest.

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