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Media Release

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ARREST: Fatal Hit-and-Run Collision

On 11/11/2017, just before midnight, South San Francisco police officers responded to the 200 block of El Camino Real in response to a report of an automobile that struck a pedestrian in the southbound lanes. Officers located an unconscious female, who was identified as Teresa Gonzales, a 44-year-old South San Francisco resident, lying in the street. The suspect driver fled the area in his vehicle. The South San Francisco Fire Department responded to the scene and transported Gonzales to San Francisco General Hospital, where she was later pronounced deceased.

After an extensive investigation, Maher Abedelal, a 23-year-old San Francisco resident, was identified as the driver of the vehicle that struck Gonzales. The investigation revealed that Abedelal fled the country days after the collision, and a felony warrant was obtained for his arrest. Abedelal remained at large for several years until he was recently located in Israel. The FBI, San Mateo County District Attorney's Office, and the Justice Department's Office of International Affairs worked with Israel's Ministry of Justice and National Police to secure the arrest and return of Abedelal. The FBI assisted with Abedelal's return to the United States, and on 07/14/2026, he was brought back to face charges related to the death of Gonzales. Abedelal was booked into the San Mateo County Jail for 20001 (a) CVC (*hit-and-run*) and 192 (c)(1) PC (*vehicular manslaughter*).

Arrestee Information (Names of Juveniles Omitted)

☐ Additional Suspect(s)

Last Name: Abedelal		First: Maher		Middle:	
Birthdate: 05/15/1994	Age: 32	Height: 5'09"	Weight: 180	Hair: Black	Eyes: Brown
Sex: Male	City of Residence: San Francisco			Occupation: Delivery Driver	
Booking Status: San Mateo County Jail					
Charges: 20001 (a) CVC / 192 (c)(1) PC					

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