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## Pedestrian Killed in Hit and Run Collision

ROCKPORT, TX – On Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 5:48 pm police and emergency services personnel responded to a report of a hit and run collision in the 1200 block of Business Highway 35 South in Rockport, Texas. Responding Rockport police officers found that Phillip Chupe, a 63-year-old Rockport resident, had been struck in the roadway while operating a mobility scooter in the southbound lanes. The vehicle which apparently struck Mr. Chupe fled the scene immediately after the collision without stopping. Mr. Chupe was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace, Judge Diana McGinnis. This crime is under investigation by the Rockport Police Department.

Police are seeking information on the vehicle involved in this deadly collision. The suspect vehicle is believed to be a 2011 to 2016 Chevrolet Cruze or similar vehicle and is believed to be dark in color. The vehicle should have extensive damage to the right front as well as damage along the right side. The area in which this collision occurred is well travelled, and investigators believe that people in the area around the time of this incident may have seen the collision or the suspect vehicle. The suspect was last seen traveling south from the area toward Aransas Pass.

Anyone who has any information about this crime are encouraged to contact detectives with the Rockport Police Department at 361-729-1111, to call Crime Stoppers at 361-729-TIPS (8477), or to enter a tip online at [www.p3tips.com](http://www.p3tips.com).