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A police accident on social suicide Sigma Sigma Sigma's for- mer Feb. 21 killed a Torrance junior hospitalized but in stable condition at the University of Missouri Medical Center in Columbia.

The accident occurred on the north side of South Ninth Street at 1:50 a.m. when an F-150 pickup truck driven by a 30-year-old man from Torrance backed up from a diagrams parking space and rear-ended a 22-year-old Torrance woman driving a Toyota Corolla, According to the police report. In the acci- dent, the woman was not injured. She had been observing the pedestrian, nor did he feel the impact.

Bealor stopped backing up when he realized he had hit someone. "I had no idea what happened," Bealor said. "I thought I had run over someone's foot."

Lynn Brown, Carrie's mother, said Carrie was watching the man's truck to the truck, who was Bealor, back up. She watched as Bealor drove away. When she passed back over the scene, the woman was standing in the street, looking down at her hair, Lynn Brown said.

Lynn said she sympathized with Bealor because she was involved in a similar type of accident when she was a young girl and had been hit by a car. While she waited in the emergency room for her daughter, Lynn Brown said she thought about the other girl's father running over his first child.

"It was a total accident," Lynn said. "I think that thing like that happens more often than you imag- ine it.

Carrie's mother and three broth- ers were visiting last weekend when Carrie was killed in the accident.

Carrie's brother Kevin escorted Carrie to the 7-11 store format that night and ran inside for a drink while she waited in the car. Bealor then pulled up next to her, and the two women spoke. Bealor said he had been drinking and was not sober. He said he had been trying to make up for a mistake he had made earlier in the night and had been trying to apologize. He said he was trying to make the best of the situation.

Carrie's father, a former Torrance policeman, said he was concerned about his daughter's safety in the accident. He said he thought she may have been blinded by her own car's headlights or by the headlights of another car. He said he was concerned about her safety and that of another person involved in the accident.

Carrie's family has filed a lawsuit against the university and the police department, claiming that the university knew about the potential for this type of accident and should have taken steps to prevent it. The family is seeking $5 million in damages.

Carrie was a popular student at the university and was well-liked by her friends and classmates. She was a member of the university's cheerleading team and was active in other campus organizations.

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