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## Girl, 12, struck and killed by car in suburban Boca Raton

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A 12-year-old girl was killed Sunday night after she was hit by a car while riding on a skateboard in suburban Boca Raton.

Shoshana “Shoshie” R. Stern of suburban Boca Raton was standing on the southeast corner of West Palmetto Park Road and Boca Del Mar Drive just after 7 p.m. Sunday. While pedaling on her skateboard in the crosswalk, Shoshana crossed West Palmetto Park Road from the south side to the north, according to a Palm Beach County sheriff’s report.

At the same time, Marvin S. James IV, 24, was driving a 2005 Ford Mustang west on West Palmetto Park Road approaching the intersection. While entering the intersection, James’ vehicle hit Shoshana, who died at the scene.

James and his passenger, Maryanne E. Diener, 23, both of suburban West Palm Beach, were not injured in the crash. Both were wearing seat belts, the report says.

No charges have yet been filed. Investigators are still looking into the case and do not suspect the use of drugs or alcohol in the wreck.

Shoshana’s mother, Denise Stern, called her daughter a “happy girl” and said she was a great baker.

“She’s a light,” she said. “She’s a love.”

She added, she “could have accomplished a lot.”

Shoshana’s funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Boca Raton Synagogue, which is at 7900 North Montoya Circle in the Boca Del Mar community. The funeral procession will make a stop outside of Bais Yaakov, a school on Northeast 163rd Street in North Miami Beach. A burial will then be held at Beth David Memorial Gardens on North 72nd Avenue in Hollywood.

Rabbis with the synagogue released a statement to those who know Shoshana and said a mental health professional will help them determine how to speak to the children who attend the synagogue about her death, which Rabbis Efreim Goldberg and Philip Moskowitz called a’s death a “devastating tragedy.”

The family is accepting messages of condolence at their home in Boca Del Mar.

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