

Hit Runner Causes Death Of Youngster

A hit-run driver, identity unknown, last night cost the life of 12-year-old Willard Smalley, Oxnard, California youth, and caused injuries to his sister, Charlotte, an aunt, Edna Smalley and the children's mother, Mrs. A. H. Smalley, on the Boulder highway shortly after 10:45. A. H. Smalley, father of the boy and driver of the car, was unhurt.

According to an investigation made by the sheriff's office, the Smalley car was completely wrecked when it collided with a "dirty black sedan," which had just previously crashed into a car driven by A. J. Fisher, of Las Vegas.

The sedan, according to the officers, was trailing Fisher's car and suddenly cut out to pass, when in front of Fisher's car, the sedan swung sharply in front of the Fisher car, hooking its fender and sending the Fisher car into a spin.

The Fisher car had just come to rest when the Smalley car, which was coming toward Las Vegas, struck it, skidded and turned over, endwise.

The officers said that the Smalley car tried to avoid hitting the Fisher machine but failed and the collision resulted.

The sheriff's office, as well as the Boulder City police, are looking for the machine believed to have caused the crash.

An inquest, started by Coroner Frank M. Ryan, at the scene of the crash, will be concluded tomorrow.