

Division 1's Martinez in Stable Condition After Being Hit by Car



(Jan. 11) One of the MTA's most senior bus operators, Alex Martinez, is hospitalized today after being struck by a pickup truck as he crossed a street near Division 1 during Wednesday night's rain storm.

Martinez, 61, who joined the MTA in July, 1970, is being treated for bruises and other injuries at County USC Hospital, but may be moved to another hospital today. According to Division 1 Manager Jesse Castorena, who visited him today, Martinez is in stable condition and is in good spirits.

Martinez had completed his runs Wednesday and was crossing Central Avenue on the way to his car at about 5:25 p.m. when he was struck. Witnesses said the truck that hit the operator had been westbound on 6th Street and was turning left onto Central.

The accident site is less than 100 feet from the division gates. Police have not charged the pickup truck driver.

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