Operating with immunity from serious punishment, officers routinely launch chases that begin with a low-level crime and end with a violent wreck.

With more Americans dying, officials fail to confront problem at nearly every level

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**Tragic toll of police chases**

Body decays in S.F.-run hotel for days before being found

Officials investigating why managers failed to find corpse sooner

By Kevin Fagan

One of the largest supportive housing operators in San Francisco is investigating how a man's body went undetected for days before being found

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT MICHAAN'S!**

**FAST AND FATAL**

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**JOHN KING**

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**OVERVIEW**

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**WEATHER:** A couple of showers.


**Dine**

**Drink**

**Lighting**

**Music**

**Sailing Green**

**Spring Green**

**Coit Tower**

**Flambe Glazed Copper-Red Chinese Vase.**

**Tianqiuping Vase.**

**1907-1997) Wurlitzer Model 750-E Jukebox.**

**From behind the wheel, the Santa Clara County sheriff’s deputy flicked on his emergency lights, but not his siren, as he pulled behind a white Honda Accord on a busy road. He would later say he initiated a stop because the driver changed lanes and made a U-turn without signaling.**

**The driver spotted the flashing lights just before 10 p.m. on April 26, 2012, and accelerated. The cars hurtled north along the Lawrence Expressway in West San Jose.**

**Less than a mile down the road, the Accord blasted through a red light and, at 97 mph, broadside a Toyota Camry as it approached from the opposite direction and turned left onto Mitty Way.**

**The driver of that car, Philip Nievas, and his sister, Precious, were less than half a mile from their home as they returned from work at a molecular diagnostics company, where Precious had helped her brother land a job.**

**The force of the collision catapulted the Camry about 200 feet into a concrete wall, crushing its roof and passenger side. Philip and Precious died from severe blunt force injuries, including skull, rib, and pelvis fractures. They were 22 and 25 years old.**

**The man, identified by the city’s Office of the Chief Medical Examiner as 53-year-old James Martin Rinkes, had been missing from his fifth-floor room at the Martin Rinkes, had been missing from his fifth-floor room at the Hotel Square has ceased to be an icon of gravity has shifted — to downtown.**

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**It’s not just about the dim future of old-school department stores that fuels San Francisco’s commerce undercount of chases keeps deaths hidden.**

**OFFICER**

**Driver**

**Passenger**

**By Jennifer Gollan and Susie Neilson**

**People killed in police pursuits by role**

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