

Angels' pitcher killed in car wreck

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FULLERTON, Calif. -- Los Angeles Angels rookie pitcher Nick Adenhardt was one of three victims killed in a vehicle crash early Thursday in Fullerton, Calif., police said.

Angels starting pitcher Nick Adenhardt was killed in a hit-and-run accident just hours after pitching six shut-out innings against the Oakland Athletics in his season debut.

Fullerton police said a minivan ran a red light, hitting a silver Mitsubishi carrying four people, two of whom were declared dead at the scene while another died at a hospital. Adenhardt was among the three fatalities.

The fourth person was listed in critical condition at a hospital, Fullerton Police Lt. Craig Bower told the Orange County Register.

Other names of victims weren't released.

The Los Angeles Times said the minivan was driven from the scene of the accident shortly after midnight Wednesday but the driver was later taken into custody on suspicion of hit-and-run. A passenger in the minivan also was reported injured.

Adenhardt, a 22-year-old right-hander, appeared in four games for the Angels last season and made his first 2009 appearance Wednesday. He started the game and shut out the Oakland Athletics for six innings but the Angeles lost the game 6-3.

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