

Vehicle parts littered Victoria Street in the aftermath of a crash between a red Ferrari, a taxi and a motorcycle. The authorisation received with dead

## 2 dead, 3 injured in three-way Bugis crash

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A crash involving a red Ferrari, a taxi and a motorcycle near Bugis Junction early on Saturday has left two people dead and three others injured.

The sports car and taxi sat at the junction of Boquer Road and Victoria Street in mangled wrecks, and vehicle parts littered the area.

The police and the Singapore Civil Defence Force said they received calls at 4.15am, and arrived on the scene to find the drivers of the sports car and the taxi trapped in their vehicles.

The driver of the Ferrari, Mr Ma Chu, a 31-year-old financial investor from Sichuan, China, who came here with his wife and child four years ago, died at the scene.

A passenger in the taxi, a woman in her 20s, died at the Singapore General Hospital.

Among the injured are the motorcyclist, a man in his 20s, who has spinal injuries, and the taxi driver, who has head injuries.

The third person injured is a woman in her 20s who was in the Ferrari with Mr Ma. His friends who spoke to The Sunday Times do not know who she is.

Eyewitness Anthony Toh, a 51-year-old taxi driver, said he was driving along Victoria Street when he saw smoke ahead of him.

He said: "Then I saw the red Ferrari outside the MRT station. It was badly smashed and smoke was coming out of it."

He added that the engine of the taxi appeared ripped from its chassis.

Speaking at Mr Ma's wake last night, his friend Tony Du, 56, said the financial investor travelled often, and was applying for permanent residency here.

He added that Mr Ma and his wife, who have a daughter and are expecting their second child, live in a penthouse in the East Coast.

Mr Du, the president of immigrant group Tian Fu Association, said his friend was generous with donations to the association and to the needy.

Mr Du's son James, 29, said: "His friends who were with him last night before the accident said it was a routine gathering among friends because he had just returned from a business trip in Hong Kong."

He added that these friends said there was no drinking that night.

The elder Mr Du said: "He was a hard-working, righteous and loving father and husband."

The police are investigating the accident.

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