For Immediate Release  
Nov 23, 2012

Serious Injury Crash at 1st Avenue North & Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Street North

Date/Time of Release:  
November 23, 2012 @1730 hours

Incident Type:  
Serious Injury Crash (2012 -070602)

Date/Time of Incident:  
November 23, 2012 @1428 hours

Address/Location:  
1st Avenue North & Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Street North

Incident Synopsis:
A 2011 Chevy TK, Florida tag #841LQD, being driven by a Cynthia Johnson, was southbound on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street North in the east curb lane and was approaching the intersection of 1st Avenue North. A 2004 Ford marked St. Petersburg Police cruiser, Florida tag # 223192, being driven by on duty Police Officer Bridget Voelker was westbound on 1st Avenue North in the north curb lane and was approaching the intersection of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street North.

Both vehicles entered the intersection at the same time and collided. This intersection is controlled by traffic signals that were working properly at the time of this crash. The causation portion of the crash is still under investigation.

The front seat passenger of the Chevy, Carolyn Leonard, was transported to Bayfront Medical Center with injuries. Officer Voelker was transported to Bayfront Medical Center with serious injuries.

List Names, Status (Victim, Suspect, etc) & Biographical Information:
Driver of the Chevy  
Cynthia Johnson  
W/F, DOB: 05/20/1964  
5227 - 24 Avenue North  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33710

Passenger of the Chevy  
Carolyn Leonard  
W/F, DOB: 04/16/1961
5227 - 24 Avenue North  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33710  
-Transported to Bayfront Medical Center

Driver of the Ford police cruiser  
Bridget Voelker  
1300 - 1 Avenue North  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33705  
-Transported to Bayfront Medical Center  
Civil Charges:  
Pending further investigation

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