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Apr 26, 2013

Serious Injury Crash at 1 Avenue North and 7 Street North

Date/Time of Release:
April 26, 2013 @ 05:00 hours

Incident Type:
Serious injury Crash 2013-025389

Date/Time of Incident:
April 26, 2013 @ 00:30 hours

Address/Location:
1 Avenue North and 7 Street North

Incident Synopsis:
A bicycle being driven by Jason Peter Smith was southbound on 7 Street North and was approaching the intersection of 1 Avenue North. A 1984 Honda Motorcycle, Florida Tag #43237N, being driven by a Thomas Lepka was westbound on 1 Avenue North in the middle lane and was approaching the intersection of 7 Street North.

Based on a witness statement, Smith failed to yield from a stop sign, entered the intersection and rode directly into the path of Lepka’s motorcycle. The front of the motorcycle struck the left side of the bicycle and caused them to become entangled. Lepka and Smith were both ejected from their vehicles and landed in the roadway. Once the bicycle became separated from the motorcycle, the motorcycle continued in a southwest direction where it left the roadway and struck a street sign and tree prior to coming to final rest.

Lepka and Smith were transported to Bayfront Medical Center. Lepka was wearing a helmet and sustained minor injuries. Smith was not wearing a helmet and is listed in critical condition.

List Names, Status (Victim, Suspect, etc) & Biographical Information:

Driver of the bicycle
Jason Peter Smith
W/M, DOB: 08/03/1972
828 - Grove Street North
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

Driver of the 1984 Honda
Thomas Lepka
W/M, DOB: 08/13/1968
3540 - 1 Avenue South
St. Petersburg, Florida 33711

Alcohol/Drug Related? Pending Toxicology Results
Charges : Investigation continues

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