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Serious Injury Hit and Run Crash

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Incident Type:
Serious Injury Hit and Run Crash(2013-012351)

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Address/Location:
5th Avenue South - 34th Street South

Incident Synopsis:
Pedestrian, Melissa Anne Kent, was crossing from the west to the east curb of 34th Street South just south of the intersection of 5th Avenue South. A 2008 Dodge PA Tag #HLV9837 being driven by a Tina Duckett was southbound on 34th Street South in the median lane and was approaching the intersection of 5th Avenue South.

According to witness statements, a large pickup truck was southbound in the middle lane of 34th Street South, observed the pedestrian crossing the roadway and slowed to avoid a crash. The 2008 Dodge being driven by Duckett was behind and to the left of the pickup truck and did not see the pedestrian until she stepped into the median lane and was struck.

The right front corner of the Dodge struck the pedestrian on her left side causing her to slide onto the hood and ultimately her head impacted the front windshield. Pedestrian Kent was transported to Bayfront Medical Center with serious injuries.

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