CORRECTION re. Fatality Hit and Run Accident

The deceased victim in these evenings hit and run accident, originally reported to be a male, has been determined to be a female approximately seventy years of age. Neither she nor the surviving male victim have been identify as yet. The male victim, also believed to be in his seventies, has undergone surgery at Bayfront Medical Center and there is no update on his condition as yet.

The male suspect in the hit and run accident has been taken into custody and information on his identity and the nature of the charges against him will be released by traffic homicide investigators later this evening.

Previous Release***************

Fatality Hit and Run Accident

At approximately 6:29 p.m. this evening officers were called to the intersection of Coffee Pot Blvd NE and Walnut Street regarding a just occurred hit and run accident. Upon arrival, officers found that two adult male pedestrians had been struck by a vehicle that fled the scene.

One of the pedestrians, who had been knocked into the water (Coffee Pot Bayou), was subsequently pronounced dead on the scene by paramedics. The second pedestrian was found lying on the pavement and was transported to Bayfront Medical Center as a trauma alert.

According to witnesses, a black 2006 Ford F-250 pick-up truck was driving south bound on Coffee Pot Blvd NE when it left the roadway, struck a utility box and then ran up on to the sidewalk striking the two pedestrians, one of whom was knocked into the water by the impact. The truck then left the scene, but a witness obtained a tag number which was provided to investigating officers.

Officers have located the hit and run vehicle and are interviewing a potential suspect at this time.

Additional details will be released by traffic homicide investigators later this evening.

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