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Delayed Fatal Pedestrian Crash

Date/Time of Incident:  
September 17th, 2013 at 8:25 p.m.

Address/Location:  
3600 block of Dr Martin Luther King Jr Street South

Synopsis:  
A 2007 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 pickup truck, FL tag 688ITJ, being driven by Alfonso Rogers (B/M, 09/26/1951, 6357 19th Street South, St Pete) was northbound on Dr Martin Luther King Jr Street South, exiting the construction zone near Lake Maggiore.

A pedestrian, Nelson Sparrow (B/M, 01/16/1981, 2835 Dr Martin Luther King Jr Street South, St Pete) had been standing on the west curb line.

For an unknown reason, Sparrow took off running, eastbound, past several construction barrels, toward the northbound lanes of Dr Martin Luther King Jr Street.

As Sparrow neared the northbound curb lane, he tried to stop before running into the path of the Chevrolet, but his momentum appeared to have carried him into the path of the Chevrolet.

The Chevrolet struck Sparrow with the right front corner, projecting him onto the pavement, where Sparrow struck his head.

Sparrow was transported to Bayfront Medical Center in life threatening condition. He was pronounced dead today at 1114 hours in the Intensive Care Unit of Bayfront Medical Center.

There are no charges pending in this crash.

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Info by Bill Proffitt on Sept 19, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.