Woman Dragged by Truck Driver during Apparent Road Rage Incident

On Thursday, 4/24/14 at approximately 9:56 p.m., the 39 year old female victim was operating her vehicle in the downtown area when she noticed she was being tailgated by a pickup truck in the area of 2nd Avenue South and 2nd Street.

For unknown reasons the driver of the truck, an unidentified w/m approximately 30 to 40 years of age, began honking his horn and then pulled in front of victim and began slamming on his brakes causing the victim to come to an abrupt stop.

The victim followed the pickup truck to the area of 4th Avenue South and 4th Street, where both vehicles stopped for a red-light. The victim exited her vehicle and approached the driver of the truck to speak with him about what had just occurred.

As she approached the driver's window of the pick-up, the driver reached out and grabbed the victim by the right arm. He then began to accelerate through the intersection against the red-light, dragging the victim about 50 feet before releasing her arm. The victim fell to the pavement and was then run over by the truck's left rear tire.

The suspect vehicle is described as an older model silver or beige Toyota Tacoma and was last seen entering westbound I-175 at 4th Street South.

The victim has been admitted to Bayfront Hospital for severe injuries to her right arm as the result of the truck running over her. As the suspect is still at large, I will not be releasing the victim’s identity at this time.

The St. Petersburg Police are asking for the public’s assistance in identifying the suspect in this case. Anyone who believes they may have information on this incident should call the non-emergency number at 727-893-7780, Text-A-Tip to 727-420-8911 or leave a confidential tip at 727-892-5000.

Information released by Mike Puetz, 727-893-7550, michael.puetz@stpete.org