For Immediate Release  
Feb 11, 2014

Serious Crash - 5200 Block of Central Avenue

Date / Time of Release:
February 11th, 2014 @1730 hours

Incident:
Serious Injury Crash (Life Threatening Injuries)

Location:
5200 Block of Central Avenue Through the 5000 Block of Central Avenue

Date / Time of Incident:
February 11th, 2014 @ 1329 hours

Brief Description of Incident:
A 2013 Ford Transit, Florida tag #V161TN, being driven by Kevin Ronald Reed (W/M, 1/15/1967, 2009 Peppertree Court Oldsmar, FL 34677) was eastbound on Central Avenue. Reed rear ended another vehicle at the intersection of Central Avenue and 58th Street and continued eastbound.

Reed then drove over the south curb and left the roadway. The front of Reed’s vehicle struck a concrete utility pole and caught fire. The utility pole landed on the top of Reed’s vehicle and was dragged as the vehicle continued eastbound on Central Avenue. The vehicle then veered off the north side of the avenue and struck a tree.

Reed himself caught fire and had to be freed from his vehicle by several witnesses. Reed’s vehicle contained a large amount of hazardous pool cleaning materials which contaminated the scene. Reed incurred injuries from impact with the pole, burns to his upper body and an exposure to hazardous materials. He was transported to Bayfront Medical Center with life threatening injuries and later transferred to Tampa General’s Burn Unit.

It is suspected that Reed was suffering from an undisclosed medical episode at the time of the crash.
Next of Kin Notified

Yes - Yes, father, Ronald Reed

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