3rd Update re. Hit & Run Double Fatality Accident at 9th Avenue South and 16th Street

Date / Time of Release: June 26th, 2014 / 2000 hrs   Incident: Double Fatal Hit and Run Crash

Location: 800 block of 16th Street South   Date / Time of Incident: June 26th, 2014 / 0258 hours

Brief Description of Incident: A 2004 Saturn, FL tag 3906BH, being driven by GRACE LASHAWN COLLIER (B/F, 10/17/1988, 5701 9th Av N, St Pete) was southbound on 16th Street. BRIANA LEQUINDA CAMPBELL (B/F, 07/01/1990, 4913 23rd Av S, St Pete) and JAMESIA CHERA SANTORIA LANG (B/F, 02/23/1993, 3501 38th Way S, St Pete) were passengers in the vehicle. A 2012 Chrysler, FL tag R641LW, being driven by an unknown black male subject, was southbound on 16th Street South in the northbound lanes, traveling at a high rate of speed. The Saturn turned left to enter the parking lot of 882 16 Street South. As the Saturn crossed the northbound lanes, the front of the Chrysler struck the left rear of the Saturn. The Saturn spun until it reached its point of final rest. As the vehicle spun, CAMPBELL was thrown from the right front seat into the rear seat, on top of LANG. COLLIER was thrown across the vehicle and was partially ejected through the passenger window. The fuel tank of the Saturn was compromised and the vehicle burst into flames. COLLIER ended up out of the vehicle, but suffered massive internal injuries and major burns across the lower portion of her body. She was airlifted to Tampa General Hospital in life threatening condition. CAMPBELL and LANG were pronounced dead within the vehicle. The driver of the Chrysler exited the vehicle and fled from the scene. The investigation is continuing.

Alcohol/Drugs Involved: Unknown

Next of Kin Notified: Yes,   Cheryl Newson - Collier’s mother
Cora Campbell - Cambell’s mother
Cheryl Lang - Lang’s mother
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