Updated Information: Fatality Crash This Morning in St. Petersburg

Incident: Traffic Fatality

Location: 3400 block of 49th Street North

Date / Time of Incident: March 25th, 2014 at 04:21 a.m.

Brief Description of Incident: A 2006 Nissan 2 door, FL tag T898SG, being driven by Tony Allan Harshbarger (W/M, 11/11/1965, 5190 72nd Avenue North, Pinellas Park) was southbound on 49th Street at a very high rate of speed.

A witness stated the vehicle was all alone and had its headlights off as it ran the southbound red light at 38th Avenue North.

As the Nissan crossed 35th Avenue, it drifted off the right (west) side of the road. The vehicle struck the PSTA bench, garbage can and sign just south of 35th Avenue.

The right front of the vehicle then struck a tree. This sent the Nissan into a clock-wise rotation. The driver’s door of the Nissan then impacted another tree, uprooting and splitting the tree, and ripping the car into several pieces.

The driver was killed immediately upon this impact and ejected from the vehicle.

The rear of the vehicle continued south into the front yard and sign located in front of 3412 49th Street North, then impacted the residence at 3400 49th Street North before coming to rest on the north side of Family and Cosmetic Dentistry, 3388 49 Street North.

Most of the middle and the front of the vehicle came to rest in the roadway (49th Street), just south of 34th Avenue.

The driver came to rest on the east side of Family and Cosmetic Dentistry, 3388 49 Street North. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.
Alcohol/Drugs Involved: Unknown, pending toxicology

Next of Kin Notified: Yes, Leonard and Karen Harshbarger - Parents

Release Prepared by: Officer Michael Jockers

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