Fatality Crash 38th Avenue North and 34th Street

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Incident: Traffic Fatality
Location: 38th Avenue North and 34th Street
Date / Time of Incident: March 27th, 2014 / 0946 hours

Brief Description of Incident: A 1998 Honda Civic, FL tag R063WZ, being driven by Tuong Nguyen (A/F, 10/10/1950, 3836 43 Terrace North, St Pete) was eastbound on 38th Avenue North, attempting to turn left onto northbound 34th Street. A 2001 Ford Escape, being driven by a 24 y/o female, was westbound on 38th Avenue North in the curb lane. A 2010 Ford F150, FL tag A473SR, being driven by George Lawler (W/M, 10/16/1945, 5184 61 Lane North, St Pete) was eastbound on 38th Avenue North in the right turn lane, approaching the intersection to turn right (southbound) onto 34th Street. Joshua Blalock (W/M, 09/08/1983, 6170 61 Lane North, St Pete) was a passenger in the Ford F150. The traffic light was solid green for eastbound and westbound traffic. Nguyen slowly turned her Honda Civic, and struck the left rear of the Ford Escape as it passed in front of her. The Ford Escape began to rotate counter-clockwise and yawed across the westbound lanes, the center median, into the eastbound lanes. The vehicle flipped over its passenger side and rolled onto the Ford F150.
- Nguyen suffered minor injuries from her airbag deploying and was treated at the scene.
- Lawler was transported to Bayfront Health St Pete with minor injuries. Blalock was uninjured.
- The 24 y/o female (who is not being identified pending family notification), was not wearing her seatbelt and became partially ejected during the crash. She suffered a head injury and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Alcohol/Drugs Involved: No

Next of Kin Notified: - The 2001 Ford Escape was being driven by Vayneveu Kene Bruessard (B/F, 02/10/1989, 2647 38 Avenue North, St Pete). Her Family in Greenville MS has now been notified.

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