2nd Update re. Hit & Run Accident 22 Avenue North and 49th Street

At approximately 6:30 a.m. this morning, a 2006 Toyota Sienna van, Florida Tag: BYE-J36, was being driven by Maikely Gonzalez-Conde, H/F, DOB 02/03/1983 of 7746 46th Avenue North #160, was traveling eastbound in the eastbound curb lane of 22 Avenue North, approaching the intersection of 49th Street.

A pedestrian, Diane M. Buchanan, W/F, DOB 3/16/1956 of 2420 52nd Street North was walking southbound across 22nd Avenue North in the marked crosswalk on the west side of the intersection.

For an unknown reason, Gonzalez-Conde failed to observe Buchanan in her path of travel. The front of the Toyota struck the right side of Buchanan, projecting her into the windshield. The Toyota then made a right turn onto 49th Street North and Buchanan fell to the pavement. Gonzalez-Conde stopped her vehicle a short distance later and police were notified.

At the time of the accident Gonzalez-Conde did have her infant child with her, but neither were injured.

Buchanan underwent surgery at Bayfront Hospital and is listed in critical condition. Her husband has been notified.

Initially this was reported as a hit & run accident, however investigators are examining some extenuating issues which may suggest otherwise. The investigation is ongoing and no charges have been filed at this time.

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