For Immediate Release
Nov 28, 2014

UPDATE : Double Fatality Crash - Central Avenue and 34th Street

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Date / Time of Release:  
November 28th, 2014 @ 1600

Incident:  
Double Fatality Crash

Location:  
Central Avenue and 34th Street

Date / Time of Incident:  
November 27th, 2014 @ 1735

Brief Description of Incident:

A 2003 Porsche SUV, being driven by Anthony Apollo Neeley (B/M, 08/02/1983, 7485 143rd Lane Seminole, FL) was eastbound in the curb lane of Central Avenue, approaching the intersection of 34th Street. A 2009 Toyota Carolla, occupied by a male driver and a female front seat passenger, was westbound on Central Avenue and in the process of making a southbound turn onto 34th Street. The front of the Porsche struck the right side of the Toyota, instantly killing both occupants and causing the Toyota to come to rest on the southeast corner of the intersection. The Porsche rolled over several times and came to rest on the south side of Central Avenue in the 3300 block. Neeley was transported to Bayfront Health St. Pete where he was treated for minor injuries and released.

Neeley had been involved in another crash at Central Avenue and 58th Street just moments prior (No injuries reported in the crash). Neeley fled the scene of the crash at a high rate of speed and two police officers, who witnessed Neeley on Central Avenue, estimated his speed to be in excess of 100 miles per hour. Neeley displayed signs of impairment and during the course of the investigation, his blood alcohol concentration
was determined to be over the legal limit of .08 d/gL. Neeley was charged with two counts of DUI Manslaughter, Leaving the Scene of a Crash Involving Attended Property, Violation of Business Purpose Only DL, Operating an Unregistered Vehicle and Operating with No Valid Insurance.

The victims in this crash were identified as Douglas Simpson (W/M, 03/08/1950, 5545 4th Street South St. Pete) and his wife, Christina Simpson (W/F, 11/14/1961, 5545 4th Street South St. Pete). The Simpsons were returning home on the evening of the crash after celebrating Thanksgiving with friends.

Next of Kin notified:

Emmanuel Skarvelias - for Christina Simpson
Sally Mannas - for Douglas Simpson

Release Prepared by:

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For more information, please contact the St. Petersburg Police Public Information Office at 727-893-7550 during normal business hours; weekdays from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.