Serious Injury Pedestrian Crash - 300 block of 1st Avenue North

Saint Petersburg Police Department

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Incident: Serious Injury Pedestrian Crash

Location: 300 block of 1st Avenue North

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Brief Description of Incident:
A 2011 Dodge tow truck owned by A-1 Towing (Tokay Towing) and being driven by Shaun Carlton Downing (W/M, 05/04/1987, 782 90 Avenue North, St Pete) was northbound on 3rd Street, attempting to turn left (westbound) onto 1st Avenue North. Ross Matthew Otto (W/M, 07/25/1992, 1932 N. Betty Lane, Clearwater) was a passenger in the truck. Jenny Noemi Quiles (H/F, 08/27/1978, 8903 High Ridge Ct, Tampa) was walking eastbound on the south sidewalk of 1st Avenue North, and turned to cross 1st Avenue. Quiles entered the roadway just west of the crosswalk, just prior to the northbound light changing from green to yellow. Quiles traversed the south curb lane and was halfway across the center lane when Downing made his turn during the yellow light. The right front corner of the Dodge struck Quiles and projected her forward onto the pavement, where she struck her head. Quiles, who is approximately 33 weeks pregnant, was transported to Bayfront Health St Pettersburg in life threatening condition. She and her baby are listed in critical condition. Downing and Otto were unhurt. The investigation in continuing Quiles mother, Maria Chavez was notified of the crash.

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