For Immediate release:  January 14, 2015

Fatal Pedestrian Crash

Location:  1300 block of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Street South

Date / Time of Incident:  January 13th, 2015 / 2030 hours

Brief Description of Incident:

A 2002 Buick being driven by Victoria Schaus (W/F, 08/27/1954) was southbound on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Street South on the median lane.  A pedestrian, Jimmie McClendon (B/M, 06/03/1963) was attempting to cross Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Street South, mid-block, from the west curb line with his brother, Rodney McClendon.

A vehicle passed the brothers in the curb lane.  As the brothers approached the median lane, another vehicle passed them.  Someone called out to Rodney and he stopped to turn around.  His brother kept walking eastbound, and stepped into the path of the oncoming Buick.

The pedestrian was struck by the right front corner of the vehicle and projected into the windshield.  He then spun down the side of the vehicle and landed on the pavement.  The Buick stopped a short distance later.  McClendon was transported to Bayfront Health St Petersburg in critical condition.  He was pronounced dead at 2119 hours.

Alcohol was not a factor on behalf of the driver of the vehicle, however, the pedestrian's blood alcohol level was over three times the legal limit.

McClendon's family was at the hospital when he was pronounced deceased.

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