UPDATE: Fatal Accident on 4th. St. N

Update on last night’s Fatal Accident

Fatal Accident Victim Identification

The victim in last night’s pedestrian accident on 4th St. North has been identified as James G. Branyan, DOB 5-3-54, of St. Petersburg.

Here are the details of the accident. A 2015 Hyundai Genesis, being driven by Henry Earl Cotman (4/13/43) was southbound in the 7300 block of 4th Street North in the middle lane. A pedestrian was crossing from east to west across 4th Street North. For an unknown reason, the pedestrian walked into the path of Cotman’s Genesis.

A second vehicle, a 2009 Cadillac DTS being driven by Judith Yvonne Paige (3/25/1937), was also southbound on 4th Street North. Paige failed to see the victim lying in the roadway and struck the pedestrian.

The victim was pronounced dead on scene at 11:23pm. Cotman and Paige were not injured. No drugs or alcohol are suspected of Cotman or Paige. The investigation is ongoing at this time.

Just before 11:30pm a southbound car struck a man crossing 4th St N. near 74th Ave N. Investigators believe the victim was also struck by a second vehicle. Both drivers stopped. The victim died at the scene.