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Serious Injury DUI Crash

May 14th, 2015 @ 8:46p.m.
Location: 3900 Block of 30th Avenue North

A 2005 Chevrolet Silverado, being driven by Luis A. Perez (H/M, 07/04/1960), was backing onto 30th Avenue North in the 3400 block. Perez backed into a 2013 Hyundai, being driven by Kevin Osterhout (W/M, 09/23/1966), who was stopped in the eastbound left turn lane at the intersection of 34th Street North. After striking Osterhout's vehicle, Perez fled the scene, westbound on 30th Avenue North, at a high rate of speed. A 2000 Suzuki motorcycle, being driven by Alexander Galindo (H/M, 12/14/1977) was westbound on 30th Avenue North in the 3900 block. Perez never made any attempt to avoid Galindo and the front of Perez's vehicle slammed into the rear of Galindo's motorcycle. Galindo's motorcycle became wedged under Perez's vehicle and Galindo was pushed for over 100 feet, before he came to rest in the eastbound lanes of 30th Avenue North. Perez continued to flee with Galindo's motorcycle still under his vehicle for another 10 blocks. Witnesses gave chase and they were able to detain Perez when he stopped for a red light at the intersection of 49th Street North.

Galindo was transported to Bayfront Health St. Petersburg with life threatening injuries. Perez, who was not injured, was taken into custody and he displayed severe signs of alcohol impairment. Perez was arrested and charged with DUI Causing Serious Bodily Injury, DUI Causing Property Damage, Leaving the Scene of a Crash Involving Injury and Leaving the Scene of a Crash Involving Attended Property.