Serious Injury Crash

Location: 1200 Block of 54th Avenue North

Date / Time of Incident: November 14th, 2015  1936 hours

A white 2003 Nissan Altima, being driven by John Thomas Pearce (W/M 03/21/56), was traveling westbound on 54th Avenue North in the median lane. A red 1997 Kawasaki motorcycle, being driven by Zachary Buehler (W/M 05/26/93), was traveling eastbound on 54th Avenue North in the median lane.

Pearce slowed to make a left hand turn into the driveway at 1210 54th Avenue North, checked for traffic and failing to see Buehler, made his left turn across the eastbound lanes of 54th Avenue North. The front end of Pearce’s vehicle crashed into the front end of Buehler’s motorcycle. Buehler was thrown from his motorcycle during the crash and landed a short distance east of the vehicles.

A helmet was found at the scene, but it has not been determined at this time whether Buehler was wearing it when the accident occurred. Buehler was transported from the scene to Bayfront Health St. Petersburg with life threatening injuries.