Update: Fatal Traffic Accident at 5th Avenue North and 34th Street

This morning, August 29, 2016, at 5:40 a.m., a 2015 Ford F450 tow truck, Florida tag E3754C, being driven by William Daniel Tabor, W/M, 1/22/1981, was driving northbound on 34th Street North in the center lane, and had stopped for the red light at 5th Avenue North. Tabor was towing a 2007 Ford he had just repossessed.

A wheelchair-bound pedestrian was crossing 34th Street North from the eastside to the westside in the crosswalk along the south side of the intersection. As the wheelchair-bound pedestrian entered the road and began crossing, the traffic light changed from red to green. Tabor began driving his tow truck northbound on 34th Street North and struck the wheelchair-bound pedestrian with the front of his truck. The wheelchair-bound pedestrian was thrown to the ground and under the tow truck.

The wheelchair-bound pedestrian was pronounced dead at the scene at 5:45 a.m. by the St. Petersburg Fire Department.

The name of the deceased is not being released at this time as we are still searching for next-of-kin.

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Traffic Fatality

Police are working a traffic fatality involving a woman in a wheelchair and a tow truck. It happened at 5:45 a.m. at 5th Ave North and 34th St. The intersection will remain closed to traffic for several hours for the investigation. No other details are available at this time.