Serious Injury Pedestrian/Hit and Run Crash

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Incident: Serious Injury Pedestrian/Hit and Run Crash
Location: 10 block of 3rd Street North
Date / Time of Incident: 03/18/2016 2350 hours
Synopsis:
A 2006 Nissan 2 door, FL tag CAF533, being driven by Souvanna Thongdara (A/M, 03/01/1977, 3211 30th Street North, St Pete) was northbound on 3rd Street North. A pedestrian, Morgan Donald Hill (B/M, 01/30/1968, Transient) appeared to be crossing the street, in or near the north crosswalk at the intersection of Central Avenue and 3rd Street. The Nissan struck the pedestrian, sending the pedestrian onto the hood and windshield of the vehicle. The pedestrian was then thrown to the pavement. The Nissan then fled the scene northbound on 3rd Street to 5th Avenue North. The vehicle was stopped a short distance away and had evidence of the pedestrian crash on the vehicle and windshield. Thongdara was the single occupant of the vehicle. Hill was transported to Bayfront Health St. Petersburg with life threatening injuries. Thongdara was arrested for Leaving the Scene of a Serious Bodily Injury Crash. Alcohol was possibly a factor on behalf of the driver. The investigation is continuing.

*** Anyone who may have witnessed the crash is being asked to contact the St. Petersburg Police Department at 727-893-7780.

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