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Serious Bicycle Crash

On May 26th, 2016 at 8:23 p.m. a group of bicyclists were westbound on the Pinellas Trail, crossing 49th Street South. The majority of the bicyclists safely crossed 49th Street South, but the last bicyclist, Tyler Harris (07/10/1999) was approximately 100 feet back from the rest of the group.

Harris, who was trying to catch up with the rest of the group, disregarded the stop sign for westbound traffic on the Pinellas Trail and entered 49th Street South in the marked crosswalk.

A 2006 Ford Escape, being driven by Danisha Walker (12/01/1993), was southbound in the curb lane of 49th Street South. Harris rode his bicycle directly into Walker’s path of travel and the front of the Ford struck the right side of Harris, sending him to the roadway.

Harris was transported to Bayfront Health St. Petersburg with life threatening injuries. Impairment was not a factor for Harris or Walker and the investigation in still ongoing.