Fatal Pedestrian Accident - 2600 block of 5th Avenue North

This morning, October 1, 2016, at 1:35 a.m., a 2011 Dodge Durango, driven by the owner, Edward Decnair Eason, 02/07/1971, of 2519 70th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, was eastbound on 5th Avenue North in the curb lane. For an unknown reason, a pedestrian, Dana Michelle Santoyo, 04/19/1987, of 3041 South Pines Drive #55, Largo, stepped off the south curb line of 5th Avenue North and into the path of the oncoming vehicle. Eason braked and swerved in an attempt to avoid the collision, but struck Santoyo with the right front corner of his vehicle. Easton immediately stopped his vehicle and called 911. Santoyo was transported to Bayfront Health St Petersburg Hospital in critical condition. She was pronounced deceased at 0157 hours.

According to witnesses, there may have been a white man in the company of Santoyo at the time of the crash, but he has yet to be identified. Anyone with information about this crash is being asked to call the St. Petersburg Police Department non-emergency line at 727-893-7780.

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