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Serious Hit & Run Pedestrian Accident

On June 7, 2017, at 10:08 p.m., an unknown vehicle was traveling southbound in the 1300 block of 34th Street North. A pedestrian in a wheelchair was crossing 34th Street North in the north cross walk at the intersection of 13th Avenue North. The southbound traffic light for 34th Street was red when the pedestrian began his westbound travel in the cross walk, but the southbound light turned green as the pedestrian reached the southbound lanes of 34th Street North.

The unknown vehicle failed to yield to the pedestrian and struck the pedestrian, throwing him from his wheelchair and onto the roadway. The unknown vehicle failed to stop and fled the scene.

The pedestrian was transported to Bayfront Health St. Petersburg Hospital with life threatening injuries. The unknown vehicle is described as a four door sedan, possibly silver in color, and should have front end damage. The pedestrian’s name is not available for release at this time as we have yet to locate the next-of-kin.

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