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Incident: Traffic Fatality

Location: 38th Avenue North and I275 Northbound On Ramp

Date / Time of Incident: 03/10/2017 19:16 hours

Brief Description of Incident:

A 2016 Chevrolet Sonic (Georgia license plate WJR115), being driven by Melba Stultz (W/F, 4/15/52, 4797 Hemlock Drive Southeast, Conyers, Georgia), was traveling east on 38th Avenue North, making a left turn onto the I275 Northbound On Ramp. A 2006 Ford E150 van (Florida license plate 326HTE), being driven by Anthony Vargas (H/M, 9/13/65, 5970 82nd Terrace North, Pinellas Park, Florida) was traveling westbound on 38th Avenue North. The front of the Ford made contact with the right passenger side of the Chevrolet.

Both parties were transported to Bayfront Health St. Petersburg. Stultz was pronounced deceased at the hospital. Vargas was treated for non-life threatening injuries. The investigation is still continuing.

Next of Kin Notified:

YesTracey Evans, daughter

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