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Fatality Crash

Incident: Fatality Crash

Location: 6600 Block of 4th Street North

Date / Time of Incident:

September 27, 2017 @ 2000 hours

Brief Description of Incident:

A 2014 Kia Optima, driven by Jose Tayagui (H/M, 04/11/1943), was northbound in the 6600 block of 4th Street North, in the northbound curb lane. A pedestrian, Confeser Cruz (H/M, 10/15/1931) was crossing 4th Street North, from west to east, in the middle of the 6600 block. Cruz had crossed the southbound lanes and the raised median when he entered the northbound lanes again oncoming traffic. An eyewitness, on the east side of 4th Street North, advised Cruz was calling out with his hand raised above his head and he was looking in her direction instead of oncoming traffic. The front of the Kia then struck Cruz, throwing him up onto the vehicle and then to the roadway.

Cruz was transported to the Bayfront Health St. Petersburg, where he was pronounced dead. Alcohol was not a factor for either party involved in this crash and no charges were expected.

Next of Kin notified:

Yes, Maria Cruz, wife

Release Prepared by:

Officer S. Blanchette (TH2)

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