Update re. Fatality Accident Central Avenue and 58 Street

The accident investigator in the case states that you may go ahead and release the name of the deceased John Folger. Efforts to locate next of kin have not yet been successful.

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Previous release of Release of Tue Jun 10, 2014 04:23:24

In regards to the last press release of the fatality accident at Central Ave 65 St .... Please do not release the victims name until next of kin has been notified

the deceased is - John Folger, w/m, 01/13/1950

per Ofcr Matthew Carter

Thank You

Previous release of June 9th, 2014 at 2140 hours.

Brief Description of Incident: A 1991 red Jeep Wrangler, NC tag of VTX-7228, driven by Ronald Naccarato (W/M, 02/12/1968, 321 65th Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida), was traveling eastbound on Central Avenue toward 65th Street. A 2014 silver Nissan Pathfinder, FL tag of BSGJ14, driven by John Folger (W/M, 01/13/1950, 1126 22nd Avenu) was traveling eastbound also. The Pathfinder was driving at a high rate of speed and overtook the Wrangler. The front of the Pathfinder struck the rear of the Wrangler. The Wrangler...
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was pushed off the north curb line where it struck a tree and flipped onto its roof. The Pathfinder continued eastbound on Central Avenue, for several blocks, before the front struck a tree on the north side of Central Avenue. Folger was transported to St. Pete General Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 2230 hours. Naccarato was transported to Bayfront hospital where he is being treated. We are waiting on an autopsy from the Medical Examiner’s Office to determine if Folger died due to injuries from the crash or if he suffered from a medical episode. At this time it is unknown if Alcohol is a factor, we are awaiting toxicological testing.

Next of Kin Notified: No - still trying to track down next of kin.

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