

## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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## TRAFFIC FATALITY

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Traffic Homicide Unit, is investigating a traffic fatality that occurred on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at approximately 8:40pm in the 1700 – 2000 block of North Andrews Avenue.

According to investigators, Orilet Fraus, 46, a Fort Lauderdale resident, was operating his tan 1993 Toyota Corolla northbound in the 1600 block of North Andrews Avenue.

Charles Jacques, 45, a Fort Lauderdale resident, was operating his black 2009 Mini-Cooper, making a left turn onto North Andrews Avenue from NE 17<sup>th</sup> Court. The left side of Fraus' vehicle made contact with the right front tire/wheel-well area of Jacques vehicle. Fraus continued northbound on North Andrews Avenue failing to have his vehicle under control. Jacques then followed Fraus' vehicle assuming he was fleeing the scene. Fraus lost complete control of his vehicle and struck a wooden utility pole in the 2000 block of North Andrews Avenue in Wilton Manors.

The front seat passenger in Fraus' vehicle, Elizia Fraus, 78, a Fort Lauderdale resident, was transported to Broward General Medical Center with life threatening injuries. She was pronounced dead at 11:01pm.

Anyone who may have witnessed this crash or has any information regarding this incident is strongly encouraged to contact the Fort Lauderdale Police Department or Investigator Jill Hirsch at 954-828-5753.

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