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**TRAFFIC CRASH WITH
SERIOUS INJURIES**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a traffic crash that occurred on August 7, 2011, at approximately 12:40 A.M., in the 100 block of South Federal Highway, City of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that a 2000 Nissan Xterra was traveling northbound on South Federal Highway, approaching a red light at Broward Boulevard. A 2006 Suzuki Motorcycle traveling northbound through the tunnel, at a high rate of speed, made contact with the rear-end of the Nissan Xterra.

Due to the force of the impact, the Nissan Xterra was forced over the concrete median and into southbound lanes of South Federal Highway. The Nissan Xterra then struck a wooden pole and came to a final rest in the southbound lanes of South Federal Highway.

The driver of the Suzuki Motorcycle, Joshua Middleton, W/M, 8/3/81, a Hollywood resident, was wearing a helmet, but still suffered severe bodily injuries from the impact. Middleton was immediately transported to Broward General Medical Center, where he is still listed in critical condition.

The driver of the Nissan Xterra has been identified as Emmanuel Joseph, B/M, 3/16/78, a Margate resident.

This is still an active and open investigation. Any charges or citations relating to this incident are pending the outcome of this investigation.

Investigators are encouraging anyone with information regarding this traffic crash to contact Investigator Creque at 954-828-5825.

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