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PRESS RELEASE

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**DIVER STRUCK BY BOAT**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating an incident where a diver was struck by a boat on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at approximately 2:22 P.M. The diver was struck while swimming in the Atlantic Ocean off the Fort Lauderdale Beach in the 3500 block of North Ocean Boulevard.

Investigators have identified the diver as Perry Anderson, W/M, 4/13/74, a Fort Lauderdale resident.

Investigators learned that Anderson left the Fort Lauderdale beach with two other diving companions in a kayak. Once they were off-shore in the Atlantic Ocean, the group commenced their dive with a dive-flag attached to the kayak.

While diving, Anderson was struck by a southbound vessel. The vessel continued southbound, while Anderson's companions helped him to shore and summoned emergency personnel to the scene.

Anderson was quickly transported to Broward General Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

Witnesses have described the vessel as approximately 20 to 23 feet in length, with a single outboard engine. Witnesses told investigators that the boat had a white hull with a blue and green stripe. Investigators have also learned that the vessel was piloted by a white male with long blond hair, possibly 40 to 50 years of age.

Investigators are urging anyone with further information regarding the incident to contact the Fort Lauderdale Police Department Marine Unit at 954-828-5440 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.

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