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PRESS RELEASE

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**TRAFFIC FATALITY**

**UPDATE 2:**

Fort Lauderdale Traffic Homicide Investigators have identified Joseph James, B/M, 06/13/86, a North Lauderdale resident as the suspect from this hit and run accident. On November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at approximately 8:00 P.M. James was taken into custody and charged with Leaving the Scene of an Accident with Fatal Injuries. Further charges are pending.



**UPDATE 1:**

Witnesses have provided Traffic Homicide Investigators from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department with a description of the suspect vehicle involved in this traffic fatality.

Witnesses stated the vehicle is a 2000 gold or tan Lexus 4 door bearing a Florida license plate of 429LDS. If this vehicle is located please contact the Fort Lauderdale Police Department.

This traffic fatality is still under investigation and investigators are actively pursuing all leads in the case.

**ORIGINAL:**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a traffic fatality that occurred on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 at approximately 3:28 P.M. The traffic fatality

occurred in the 4500 block of North Federal Highway in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that David Hughes, W/M, 09/08/59, a Plantation resident, was driving northbound in the 4500 block of North Federal Highway when he was struck by an unknown vehicle, causing Hughes to lose control of his motorcycle.

Hughes was riding a 2009 green Kawasaki motorcycle.

Hughes sustained life threatening injuries and was trauma alerted to Broward General Medical Center where he was later pronounced deceased. There were no passengers riding with Hughes and no other injuries sustained by any other party.

Investigators are urging anyone with information regarding the traffic fatality to contact Traffic Homicide Investigator Goedke at 954-828-5754.

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