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**TRAFFIC HOMICIDE
AND
SERIOUS INJURY CRASH**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating two related traffic crashes that occurred on Friday, August 2nd at approximately 8:35 P.M. The crashes occurred on West Broward Boulevard at the intersections of Northwest 7th Avenue and Northwest 5th Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Investigators have learned that an unidentified pedestrian stepped from the center median into on-coming traffic, as a 1997 Nissan Altima was traveling eastbound on West Broward Boulevard. When the Nissan struck the pedestrian, it caused him to fall backwards, striking his head on the curb of the median.

The driver of the Nissan did not know, at first, what he struck and attempted to return to the scene. When he approached the next intersection, Northwest 5th Avenue, he attempted to complete a u-turn and struck a bicyclist.

The driver of the Nissan Altima has been identified as Frank Isaac Pais Munoz, W/M, 08/05/68, a City of Miami resident.

Investigators did not observe Munoz to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

As a result of the crash, the first pedestrian received life threatening injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The bicyclist received minor injuries and was transported to Broward Health Medical Center.

The bicyclist has been identified as Russell Franklin, W/M, 05/16/51, a City of Fort Lauderdale resident.

The identity of the pedestrian will not be released until next of kin has been located and notified.

Both incidents are considered active and on-going investigations.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents should contact Traffic Homicide Investigator D. Goedke at 954-828-5754.

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