

## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## TRAFFIC CRASH SERIOUS INJURIES

PRESS RELEASE

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a traffic crash with serious injuries that occurred on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at approximately 6:39 P.M. The crash occurred in the 2300 block of Northwest 16<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary investigation has revealed, that a young child ran from the porch of a residence located on the north side of Northwest 16<sup>th</sup> Street and towards the roadway. A witness in a vehicle driving westbound saw the child and stopped to avoid striking him.

A 2006 off-terrain dirt bike was also traveling westbound on Northwest 16<sup>th</sup> Street approaching the stopped vehicle. The driver of the dirt bike attempted to pass the stopped vehicle, by traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes of Northwest 16<sup>th</sup> Street. As the dirt bike passed the stopped vehicle, the child was struck and the driver was ejected.

The driver of the dirt bike has been identified as Brandon Dennis, B/M, 01/29/91, a City of Fort Lauderdale resident.

The identity of the witness will not be released until the investigation is complete.

The child was transported to Broward Health Medical Center for life-threatening injuries and remains in critical condition.

Dennis was transported to Plantation General Hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

This is an active and on-going investigation. Charges are pending the completion of this investigation.

Investigators are strongly encouraging anyone with information regarding this crash to contact Traffic Homicide Investigator Graham at 954-828-5125.

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