

## FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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## TRAFFIC CRASH FATALITY

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a traffic crash fatality that occurred on Sunday, March 30, 2014 at approximately 8:30 P.M. The crash occurred at the intersection of Southeast 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Southeast 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that a 2005 gray 4-door Acura was traveling eastbound on Southeast 17<sup>th</sup> Street in the left turn lane. A motorcyclist, operating a 2002 red Kawasaki, was traveling westbound on Southeast 17<sup>th</sup> Street in the center lane.

The driver of the Acura attempted to make a left turn onto Southeast 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and was struck by the Kawasaki motorcycle.

The motorcyclist was identified as Roberto Novaes, W/M, 08/15/79, a resident of the City of Pompano Beach. Novaes was transported to Broward Health Medical Center with life-threatening injuries and later pronounced deceased.

The investigation into this fatality is still active and on-going. Investigators do not suspect alcohol played a role in this fatal crash.

Charges are pending further investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this fatality should contact Traffic Homicide Investigator Cheri Creque at 954-828-5825.

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