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CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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HIT AND RUN

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a traffic crash with serious injuries that occurred on Saturday, August 29th at approximately 1:26 A.M. The crash occurred in the 900 block of Northwest 13th Street in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that a bicyclist was traveling westbound in the 900 block when a 2009 - 2012 model 4 door gold Volkswagen CC traveling in the same direction, struck the bicyclist.

The left front bumper of the Volkswagen made contact with the bicyclist causing him to be ejected off the bicycle onto the north side of the roadway. The bicyclist has been identified as James Ortibez, W/M, 05/02/76.

The driver continued traveling westbound without stopping to render aid or contact police.

Ortibez was trauma alerted to Broward Health Medical Center where he is listed in critical condition.

This is an active investigation.

Any witnesses to this crash or anyone with information in regards to this incident are strongly encouraged to contact Traffic Homicide Investigator Cheri Creque at 954-828-5825 or Broward Crime Stoppers at 954-493-8477 (TIPS).



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