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PRESS RELEASE

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**TRAFFIC FATALITY**  
**HIT & RUN**

**UPDATE 10/29/15:**

Traffic Homicide Investigators have identified the driver responsible for this hit and run as Max Stevenson Francois, B/M, 02/15/87, a resident of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Francois has been charged with (1) count of Leaving the Scene of an Accident Resulting in Death.

**ORIGINAL 10/27/15:**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a hit and run which resulted in a fatality that occurred on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at approximately 8:45 PM. The crash occurred in the 1100 Block of Northwest 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that a juvenile pedestrian was crossing Northwest 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Northwest 11<sup>th</sup> Street. As the pedestrian was crossing the roadway she was struck by an unknown vehicle traveling northbound on Northwest 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The driver of the vehicle continued traveling northbound, failing to stop to seek or render aid for the pedestrian.

The juvenile pedestrian was transported to Broward Health Medical Center with life-threatening injuries where she was later pronounced deceased.

The pedestrian has been identified as Jaliah Cross, B/F, 03/21/2000, a resident of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The investigation into this fatality is on-going.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Traffic Homicide Investigator Russell Brown at 954-828-5754 or Broward Crime Stoppers 954-493-8477 (TIPS).

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