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## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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## **TRAFFIC FATALITY**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a traffic fatality that occurred on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at approximately 11:40 PM. The crash occurred in the 1300 block of West Sunrise Boulevard in City of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that a white 2000 GMC Sierra was traveling east on West Sunrise Boulevard in the 1300 Block. As the vehicle was continuing east, a pedi-cyclist was crossing the east bound lanes of West Sunrise Boulevard from north to south. The GMC pick-up struck the cyclist causing life threatening injuries.

The driver of the GMC remained on scene and is cooperating with investigators.

The cyclist was transported by Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue to Broward Health Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries.

The deceased cyclist has been identified as Ellis Bernard Smith, B/M, 11/08/1961; a resident of Fort Lauderdale.

The investigation into this traffic fatality is on-going. No charges have been filed at this time.

Anyone who may have information regarding this incident is urged to contact Traffic Homicide Investigator Paul Williams at 954-828-5755.

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