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PRESS RELEASE

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**HIT & RUN SUSPECT
ARRESTED**

Update: 01.05.17

On January 4th, Douglas succumbed to his injuries sustained in the hit and run incident. Investigators have now charged Varsam with leaving the scene of an accident involving death.

Original: 01.03.17

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a hit and run that occurred on Sunday, January 1st, at approximately 8:41 P.M. The incident occurred in the 6700 block of Northwest 9th Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that a cyclist was operating his bicycle southbound on northwest 9th Avenue in the right lane. The front of the suspect vehicle, which has been identified by a witness as a 2015 white four door Lexus, struck the rear of the bicycle. The driver did not stop, leaving the scene continuing southbound on northwest 9th Avenue.

The cyclist was transported to North Broward Health with life threatening injuries. The victim remains in extreme critical condition.

The cyclist has been identified as Alkiva Douglas, B/M, 05-03-1997, a resident of Fort Lauderdale.

The driver has been identified as Philip Varsam, W/M, 09-03-1988, a resident of Delray Beach.

This is an active investigation.

Anyone who may have witnesses this crash is urged to contact Traffic Homicide Investigator Jill Hirsch at 954-828-5753.

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