



CITY OF  
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PRESS RELEASE

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**HIT & RUN TRAFFIC  
FATALITY**

**Update: 02/04/17**

Investigators have identified the deceased pedestrian victim in this incident. The victim has been identified as Michael Powell, B/M, 06/05/1949, a resident of Lauderdale Lakes.

The investigation into this traffic fatality is on-going. Anyone who may have witnessed or might have information regarding this incident is urged to contact Traffic Homicide Investigator Jill Hirsch at 954-828-5753 or Broward Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS(8477).

**Original: 02/03/17**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a hit and run which resulted in a traffic fatality that occurred on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at approximately 5:55 AM. The incident occurred in the 1400 block of West Broward Boulevard in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that a dark blue BMW sedan was traveling west on West Broward Boulevard in the 1400 Block. As the vehicle approached Northwest 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, it struck a pedestrian that was crossing the west bound lanes of West Broward Boulevard from north to south. After the pedestrian was struck, the driver of the BMW continued traveling west failing to stop and render aid or seek help for the injured pedestrian.

Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue responded to the scene where the pedestrian was pronounced deceased.

A BOLO was issued for the vehicle which was located by the Sunrise Police Department in the 2500 Block of Northwest 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue, approximately two hours following the crash. Fort Lauderdale Police Department investigators responded to this location and took custody of the vehicle and also located the two occupants that were traveling in the vehicle at the time of the crash.

The investigation into this traffic fatality is on-going and investigators are exploring the possibility of alcohol or other controlled substances playing a role in this incident. No charges have been filed at this time.

The identity of the adult male victim is not yet being released pending the notification of next of kin.

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