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**FLPD DEATH
INVESTIGATION**

UPDATE 08.08.17

The victim has been identified as Thomas Williams, B/M, 01/25/1983, a resident of the City of Fort Lauderdale. Detectives have been unable to notify next of kin.

This is an ongoing investigation and the exact cause of death is not known at this time. Detectives are awaiting results from the Medical Examiner's Office.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) is conducting the investigation into this death as per the new policy and agreement established in February 2017.

Detectives are encouraging anyone who may know the victim, or any of his relatives, to call Fort Lauderdale Police at 954-828-5534.



ORIGINAL 08.05.17

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is actively investigating, in conjunction with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), the death of an individual that occurred on Saturday, August 5th at approximately 4:30 P.M., at 1450 West Sunrise Boulevard in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary investigation has revealed Fort Lauderdale Police officers who were working an event at Carter Park were alerted to an individual who was exhibiting abnormal behavior. A short time later, police found the individual in the middle of traffic just outside of the park on West Sunrise Boulevard. The officers observed this individual placing them self, and others, in danger and attempted to place them into custody under the Baker Act.

The individual resisted the officers' efforts and a brief struggle ensued, where non-lethal subject control spray was deployed.

The individual was transported to Broward General Medical Center where he/she was pronounced deceased.

The victim's identity is not being released at this time pending notification of next of kin.

FDLE will conduct this death investigation.

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