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PRESS RELEASE

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**TRAFFIC FATALITY**  
**(Bicyclist Struck and Killed)**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department Traffic Homicide Unit is investigating an early morning traffic crash involving a vehicle and a bicyclist. The crash took place at the intersection of State Road 84 and S.W. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue at approximately 6:30am.

According to investigators, the bicyclist, Gene Noel Johnson, 48, a Fort Lauderdale resident, was traveling southbound on S.W. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue on his bicycle attempting to cross at the intersection of State Road 84. Lawrence Beaucher, 65, a Davie resident, was operating his 2002 Lincoln eastbound on State Road 84 in the right through lane, approaching the intersection of S.W. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue on a green light. As Johnson entered the intersection, he rode into Beaucher's path of travel and was subsequently struck. Johnson was pronounced dead at the scene.

The investigation is continuing.

Anyone with information regarding this crash is encouraged to contact Investigator Sandra Knutten at 954-828-5460.