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**FREIGHT TRAIN ACCIDENT**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating an accident that occurred on July 13, 2008 at approximately 1:11 AM. The accident occurred at Northwest 4 Street and Flagler Drive.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that vehicle one was traveling west on Northwest 4 Street. Vehicle 2, a FEC freight train, was traveling south on the East Rail. As vehicle one approached the FEC tracks west of Flagler Drive, Carrissa Gaudio drove vehicle one to the right of the track gate, which was in a lowered position, and went over the north curb. Vehicle one got stuck on the track resting across the east rail in a westerly direction. As vehicle two was approaching the Flagler Drive intersection, the conductor observed vehicle one resting on the track, immobile and applied the trains emergency brake. The freight train struck vehicle one, propelling the vehicle forward until final rest. Carrissa Gaudio was ejected from vehicle one and was trauma alerted to Broward General Medical Center. Gaudio is currently listed in critical condition.

The driver of vehicle one has been identified as Carrissa Gaudio, W/F, 10/13/1981, a Davie resident. Gaudio was operating a 2007 white BMW.

This investigation is continuing. Anyone with information regarding this accident is encouraged to contact the Fort Lauderdale Police Department at 954-828-5700 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.

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