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TRAFFIC CRASH
(Vehicle vs. Child)

On March 25, 2008 at approximately 8:00pm, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department responded to a traffic crash involving a vehicle and a 6-year-old child near Dillard Elementary School located in the 2400 block of NW 12th Court.

Investigators arrived on scene and determined the following:

Ja'ques Richardson, 6, a Fort Lauderdale resident, was dropped off by his step-father at the side of the road on the opposite side of the school. Richardson had to cross NW 12th Court to get to school and darted out in front of a 1984 Cadillac driven by Monique Watson, 36, a North Lauderdale resident. Watson's vehicle knocked Richardson down and traveled two feet with him under the vehicle. Richardson's step-father stopped Watson, since she did not see the child at all, and had Watson back up to free Richardson.

Richardson was transported to Broward General Medical Center where he is in pediatrics ICU for observation. He is expected to make a full recovery.

Investigators have found no wrongdoing on the part of Monique Watson.

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