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PRESS RELEASE

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**TRAFFIC FATALITY**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a traffic fatality that occurred at approximately 2:23 A.M. on Sunday, February 10, 2008.

Preliminary investigation has shown that a 1991 Mazda was traveling northbound on Southwest 4 Avenue and was attempting to make a left turn onto Southwest 14 Street. A 2008 Kawasaki motorcycle was traveling southbound on Southwest 4 Avenue at a high rate of speed. The motorcycle crashed into the right side of the Mazda causing the vehicle to overturn.

The driver of the motorcycle was pronounced deceased on-scene. The driver has been identified as Joel Michael Halfhide, a Fort Lauderdale resident, 06/12/1985. The driver of the Mazda was transported to Broward General Medical Center where he was treated and released. The driver has been identified as Ryan Chase Gizzi, a Davie resident, 08/21/1988.

Anyone with information regarding this crash is encouraged to contact Investigator Love at 954-828-5755.



Joel Halfhide



Ryan Gizzi

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