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CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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HIT AND RUN FATALITY (Vehicle v Pedestrians)

UPDATE 3:

The registered owner of the vehicle has been identified as Ryan M. Levin, W/M, 08/06/1974, and a Fort Lauderdale resident. At this time the investigation continues.

UPDATE 2:

Fort Lauderdale Traffic Homicide Investigators have been in contact with the registered owner of the Porsche. The investigation is still in its beginning stages and is active.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Sergeant Frank Sousa.

UPDATE:

The victims of the hit and run fatality have been identified as Craig Lewis Elford, W/M, 12/14/1969, and Kenneth Watkinson, W/M, 12/22/1960, both from Great Britain. We are still encouraging anyone who may have witnessed this crash or anyone who may know the identity of the driver to please contact the police department.

ORIGINAL RELEASE:

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is requesting help from the public in identifying the drivers involved in a hit and run crash resulting in the fatality of two pedestrians. The hit and run occurred in the early of hours of February 13, 2009, in the 400 block of Seabreeze Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

At approximately 02:25 A.M., we received information that two vehicles were observed driving at a high rate of speed southbound on Seabreeze Boulevard. The descriptions of the vehicles given were two white sports cars and one had a missing front head light.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that the victims were walking southbound on the sidewalk, when one of the vehicles lost control and traveled onto the sidewalk striking both pedestrians. Both vehicles never stopped and fled the scene southbound on Seabreeze Boulevard. Both victims were pronounced deceased at the scene. A Porsche was later located abandoned on the I-95 northbound ramp from I-595 with damage consistent with the crash.

The identity of the pedestrians will not be released until next-of-kin is notified. This hit and run remains under investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this crash is encouraged to contact Traffic Homicide Investigator Sandra Knutten at 954-828-5460 or Broward Crime Stoppers 954-493-TIPS.

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