



FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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FLPD IS SEARCHING FOR DRIVER IN TRAFFIC RELATED INCIDENT

Video: <https://youtu.be/W-8BBhAVYKw>

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) is searching for the driver involved in a traffic related incident on Sunday, October 27th at approximately 2:06 a.m. The incident occurred in the 100 block of Northwest 1st Street in the city of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary investigation has revealed a dark colored Jeep Wrangler was parked along Northwest 1st Street when a pedestrian laid on the ground in front of the vehicle. A short time later, three occupants returned to the vehicle. When the driver pulled forward to exit the parking spot, the vehicle drove over the pedestrian, who was laying against the curb. It is unknown if the driver was aware of the pedestrian at the time of the incident.

A few hours later, at approximately 6:25 a.m., a passerby found the pedestrian unresponsive and called 911. The pedestrian was pronounced dead on scene by FLPD. The pedestrian has been identified as Esperant Lahens, B/M, DOB 7/1/1951.

FLPD is seeking information on the driver for the purpose of the case, however the driver is currently not accused of a crime. Anyone who can identify the vehicle or the driver should contact Traffic Homicide Investigator Russell Brown at 954-828-5754 or Broward Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS (8477).