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POLICE SEEK SUSPECT IN SERIOUS INJURY HIT AND RUN CRASH

*****UPDATE: VICTIM DIED FROM HER INJURIES ON 3/17/11*****

WHO: Ellen Sweeney
DOB: 5-22-31
Largo, Fla.
Vehicle: Toyota

Suspect Vehicle:

Silver or gray pickup truck, possibly a Dodge 2005-2006 model, with tinted windows. The truck will have damage to the rear quarter panel and back end of truck.

WHAT: Hit and Run Crash w/Injury

WHEN: March 15, 2011
12:31 p.m.

WHERE: 100 S. Belcher Road
Clearwater, Fla.

SUMMARY: The suspect vehicle was traveling northbound on Belcher Road and turned left in front of the victim who was traveling southbound on Belcher. The suspect vehicle turned into the path of the victim's vehicle, which was unable to stop. The victim's vehicle hit the rear end of the pickup truck, traveling another 200 feet before crashing into a sign, coming to a stop near Rainbow.

The suspect vehicle was attempting to turn into an "exit only" area of the post office parking lot. After the crash, the suspect vehicle continued through the parking lot and left the scene.





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The victim was transported by helicopter to St. Joseph's hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Anyone with information about the crash and suspect vehicle is asked to call the Clearwater Police Department at 727-562-4200.

A photo of a vehicle similar to the suspect vehicle is attached.

