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SUSPECT ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER AFTER INTENTIONALLY RUNNING DOWN A CITY EMPLOYEE

WHO: Terry Butler (Victim)
DOB: 1-8-58
Clearwater City Employee
Department: Traffic Engineering
Position: Traffic Operations Service Technician
DOH: 8-18-86
City Vehicle: 2000 GMC pickup

Gerald Christopher Prebe (Suspect/Arrested)
DOB: 6-1-75
Clearwater, Fla.
Charge: Attempted Murder
Vehicle: 2001 Nissan pickup (blue)

WHAT: Hit-and-Run Crash with Serious Injury/ Attempted Murder

WHEN: April 28, 2011
1:45 p.m.

WHERE: Magnolia Drive and Brookside Drive
Clearwater, Fla.

SUMMARY: The victim, a City of Clearwater employee, was walking back to his city vehicle at the above listed location when a blue pickup truck heading in his direction suddenly accelerated. The suspect vehicle side swiped the city vehicle and then struck the victim, who was standing at the left front corner of the city vehicle. The victim was thrown approximately 20 feet from the impact.

The blue pickup left the scene and drove to 1023 Brookside Drive and pulled into the front yard, nearly hitting the house. Patrol units circulating the area were able to locate the vehicle and the suspect.





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The suspect admitted to intentionally striking the victim because he believed the victim was a terrorist. The suspect was booked into the Pinellas County Jail for Attempted Homicide and bond was set at \$100,000.00.

The victim's condition is serious, but stable.

