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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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OFFICER HIT BY CAR WHILE CONDUCTING TRAFFIC STOP; OFFICER TREATED AND RELEASED

WHO: David Valentine (Arrested)
DOB: 2-4-90
Tampa, FL
CHARGES: Fleeing and Eluding
Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding (2 counts)
Criminal Mischief Obstruction
Burglary DWLSR

Clearwater Police Officer Kent Reeves; Traffic Enforcement Team
Date of Hire: 5-19-03

WHAT: Hit and Run crash involving injury

WHERE: 3301 Courtney Campbell Causeway (incident occurred)
2236 Gulf to Bay Boulevard (suspect apprehended/ arrested)

WHEN: April 8, 2011
11:37 p.m.

SUMMARY: Clearwater Police Officer Kent Reeves stopped a vehicle for a speeding infraction on the Courtney Campbell Bridge about one and a half miles east of Bayshore. As he approached the driver's side of the vehicle, the suspect put the car in drive and made a U-turn, heading back into Clearwater. During this attempt to flee, the suspect's vehicle struck Officer Reeves. A short pursuit was initiated by responding officers. The pursuit ended when the vehicle crashed into a fence and mobile home at 2266 Gulf to Bay Boulevard. Following the crash, the suspect fled on foot. A perimeter was established and a K-9 unit tracked and located the suspect hiding under a mobile home at 2236 Gulf to Bay Boulevard. He was taken into custody without incident. The suspect faces multiple charges.





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Officer Reeves was transported to Morton Plant Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. He was treated and released.

The Clearwater Police Department is asking any witnesses to this incident to call 727-562-4200.

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