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PEDESTRIAN DIES FROM INJURIES AFTER BEING HIT BY CAR

WHO: John A. Willis (Pedestrian)

DOB 6-26-42

2501 Harn Blvd. #J6

Clearwater, Fla.

Jose L. Morales (Driver)

DOB: 12-11-72

Clearwater, Fla.

Vehicle: 1996 Ford Thunderbird

Pedro M Morales (Passenger)

DOB: 06-26-70

Pinellas Park, Fla.

WHAT: Pedestrian vs. Vehicle

WHEN: October 6, 2009

1:16 p.m.

WHERE: U.S. Hwy 19 & Harn Boulevard

Clearwater, Fla.

WHY: Traffic for southbound US Hwy 19 at Harn Blvd was stopped for a red light when the driver of a 1996 Ford Thunderbird was traveling south in the left turn lane of US Hwy 19 at Harn Blvd attempting to make a left turn into Bay Cove Apts.

The pedestrian walked from the west side of US Hwy 19, approximately 100 feet north of the crosswalk, where he crossed between three lanes of stopped traffic, and entered into the left turn lane of southbound US Hwy 19, directly into the path of the Ford. The pedestrian either tripped or attempted to jump from the path of the Ford and fell upon the ground. He became stuck under the front bumper of the Ford and was drug approximately 30 feet before the Ford came to rest. The driver will not be cited since the pedestrian was at fault.

