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SUSPECT RAMS OFFICER'S CRUISER WHILE TRYING TO EVADE ARREST

WHO: Jonathan Thomas Clark
DOB: 5-26-67
Clearwater, Fla.
CHARGES: Aggravated Assault w/Motor Vehicle
Fleeing or Eluding
DUI
Felony DWLR
Resisting Arrest w/o Violence

Norma Rivera
DOB: 9-21-73
Tampa, Fla.
CHARGE: Tampering with Evidence

WHAT: Seized: 2008 Chevy Cobalt

WHEN: March 5, 2010
7:27 p.m.

WHERE: Cleveland Street and Evergreen Avenue
Clearwater, Fla.

SUMMARY: A police officer attempted to stop the suspect vehicle for an unassigned tag. The vehicle refused to stop. Officers followed from at least three blocks away as the vehicle's driver appeared to be Driving Under the Influence (DUI). The vehicle continued on at minimal speeds while obeying traffic control devices.

A police Sergeant pulled in front of the vehicle at a red light. The vehicle intentionally rammed the cruiser, and fled south on Missouri Avenue, still at





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minimal speeds. Officers pursued the vehicle at low speeds and eventually took the driver into custody at 1001 South Prospect after a brief struggle.

Two cruisers were involved in a crash on South Missouri Avenue when a citizen failed to pull to the side of the road for emergency vehicles, and instead opted to abruptly stop in the center lane of moving traffic. Two officers and the citizen driver were transported and treated at Morton Plant Hospital. All three appeared to have minor injuries. The police officers were treated and released.

