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## BICYCLIST KILLED IN CRASH WITH VAN

**WHO:** Willie P. Nelson (Bicyclist/Deceased)  
DOB: 10-15-57  
Clearwater, Fla.

Lorenzo Hearn (Driver)  
DOB: 6-26-62  
Largo, Fla.  
Vehicle: GMC Van

**WHAT:** Traffic Fatality

**WHEN:** November 17, 2009  
9:45 a.m.

**WHERE:** Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue & Lasalle Street  
Clearwater, Fla.

**WHY:** Clearwater Police Department Traffic Homicide Investigators are investigating a traffic fatality resulting from a bicycle versus van collision. A preliminary investigation determined that the bicyclist failed to yield to the van at the intersection of the above listed location. The bicycle made impact with the van head on. The bicyclist was transported to Morton Plant Hospital with life threatening injuries. He was pronounced a short time later. Next of kin notification has been made.

The bike was equipped with a motorized kit. Investigators are seeing if this may have contributed to the crash. The bicyclist was not wearing a helmet.

The driver of the van was cited for an unrelated traffic violation (DWLSR). The driver will not be cited for the crash because the van had the right of way.





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