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VICTIM IDENTIFIED IN TRAFFIC FATALITY

WHO: Joshua J. Donahue (Victim/Deceased)
DOB 5-10-77
Pinellas Park, Fla.
Vehicle: 2005 Chevy Impala (Yellow Cab)

Brian K. Ferry, Sr.(Arrested)
DOB: 10-19-62
Largo, Fla.
Vehicle: 1998 Dodge Ram Pickup
CHARGES: Vehicular Homicide
Fleeing & Eluding resulting in Death
DWLSR resulting in Death
Warrant: FTA – DWLSR
*Additional DUI charge(s) pending test results of blood draw

WHAT: Traffic Fatality

WHEN: April 12, 2010
1:45 a.m.

WHERE: Belcher Road & Drew Street
Clearwater, Fla.

SUMMARY: Officers received a tip that the suspect, who had a warrant for Failure to Appear for DWLSR, was at the Copper Mug Bar on Belcher & Nursery Road. Officers saw the suspect enter a vehicle and drive away from the bar. Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The suspect fled from officers headed north on Belcher at a high rate of speed. Officers disengaged from the attempted traffic stop and did not to pursue the vehicle because of a concern for public safety.





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A short time later, the suspect ran a red light at Belcher Road and Drew Street and crashed into a Yellow Cab traveling on Drew Street. The 32-year-old driver of the cab was transported to Mease Countryside, where he was pronounced dead at 2:35 a.m.

The suspect was transported to Bayfront Medical Center by ground for non-life threatening injuries. He was arrested for several charges. Additional DUI charges are pending the test results of a blood draw.

Belcher Road and Drew Street reopened at approximately 7:00 a.m.

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