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INFANT DIES IN TRAFFIC CRASH, TWO OTHERS INJURED

WHO: Vehicle #1: 2007 Mazda SUV
Edgar Rivera (Driver)
H/M DOB 6-13-78
Dunkin Loop Circle (no street address number available)
Dunedin, Fla.

Vehicle #2: 2001 Honda (4-door)
Priscilla Baltazar (Driver/Mother)
H/F DOB 8-02-89
24195 US Hwy 19 North
Clearwater, Fla.

Isaac Perez (Child)
H/M DOB 10-09-05

Alden Perez (Child-Deceased)
H/M DOB 1-16-09

WHAT: Traffic Crash/Fatality

WHEN: April 16, 2009
5:52 p.m.

WHERE: Keene Road between Drew and Cleveland Street
Clearwater, Fla.

WHY: Clearwater Traffic Homicide Investigators are investigating a traffic crash involving a fatality. According to investigators, vehicle #2 was driving northbound on Keene Road in the curb lane. Traffic in the median and middle lane was stopped for a red light at

Drew Street. Vehicle #1 was traveling southbound on Keene Road attempting to turn on small passage way to get to N. Venus Avenue (runs parallel to Keene). Vehicle #1 crossed the median and middle lane, but struck vehicle #2 in the curb lane.

During the crash, the infant was ejected from his car seat in vehicle #2. He was treated at the scene by firefighters and transported to Morton Plant Hospital where he died as a result of his injuries. The second child was transported to All Children's Hospital, where he is in stable condition (non-life threatening injuries). The mother was transported to Bayfront and is also in stable condition (non-life threatening injuries). The driver of vehicle number two refused medical treatment at the scene.

Keene Road was closed between Drew and Cleveland Street for about three hours. It reopened at about 8:50 p.m. The investigation continues and charges are pending.

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