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VICTIM'S NAME RELEASED IN VEHICLE VS. PEDESTRIAN CRASH

WHO: Ismael Hernandez-Rodriguez (Pedestrian/Injured)
DOB 11-27-09
Clearwater, Fla.

Patricia Syraski (Driver)
DOB 8-29-59
Clearwater, Fla.
Vehicle: 2004 Chevy Avalanche

WHAT: Serious Injury Crash/Pedestrian vs.Vehicle

WHEN: November 30, 2009
6:07 a.m.

WHERE: Gulf to Bay Boulevard, east of Saturn Avenue.
Clearwater, Fla.

WHY: Next of kin (NOK) notification for the pedestrian, Ismael Hernandez-Rodriguez, has been made as of this afternoon. Hernandez-Rodriguez was critically injured in yesterday morning's crash. At last check, he was in critical condition at Bayfront Medical Center.

Hernandez-Rodriguez was crossing Gulf to Bay Boulevard east of Saturn Avenue from the south to the north side of the roadway, when he walked into eastbound traffic and was struck by an SUV. He was transported by air ambulance with life threatening injuries.

Immediately following the crash, the driver of the SUV, who is a registered nurse, went to the victim's aid. She began performing CPR until Clearwater Fire & Rescue arrived to take over medical care. Hernandez-Rodriguez was not in a crosswalk and the area where he was crossing was dark. The driver will face any charges associated with the crash.

