



**ST PETERSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT  
TRAFFIC SECTION  
MAJOR INCIDENT REPORT  
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**\*\*\*\*Updated August 10, 2011 \*\*\*\***

**INCIDENT:** Fatal Crash #26

**REPORT#** 2011- 048481

**LOCATION:** 5800 Block of 16 Street North

**DATE:** August 8, 2011

**TIME:** 19:27 Hours

**INVESTIGATOR:** Officer S. A. Pierce(Van 2)

**SYNOPSIS:**

A 1996 Mitsubishi pickup truck, Florida tag J63-9FQ, being driven by Slobodan Ruzic (W/M, DOB: 11/09/1949 of 7660 – 18 Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida) was northbound on 16<sup>th</sup> Street North in the median lane and was approaching the intersection of 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. For an unknown reason, Ruzic crossed the center lane divider and began driving in a northwest direction across the southbound lanes of 16 Street North. Ruzic struck the west curb of 16<sup>th</sup> Street North and a street sign located on the northwest corner of the intersection.

Ruzic continued in a northwest direction, colliding with and uprooting a small tree. Ruzic came to rest after striking some additional bushes and a fence which was owned by the Pinellas County School Board.

Ruzic was transported to Bayfront Medical Center and was listed in serious condition.

Ruzic was pronounced dead at Bayfront Medical Center on August 9, 2011 at 18:55 Hours

**CHARGES:** Pending further investigation

**ALCOHOL INVOLVED:** Pending toxicology results

**NEXT OF KIN NOTIFIED:** *Yes- Dalinor Ruzic - Son*

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