ST PETERSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT
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MAJOR INCIDENT REPORT
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INCIDENT: Fatal Pedestrian Crash (#27) **REPORT#:** 2011-049689

LOCATION: 3200 Block of 34th Street North

DATE: August 13, 2011 **TIME:** 22:55 hours

INVESTIGATOR: Officer Terri Nagle (Van 3)

SYNOPSIS:

A 1992 Cadillac 4-door, being driven by David Verner Smeltz (W/M, DOB: 12/13/1976, of 3201 39th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL), was traveling southbound in the center lane of 34th Street North. A pedestrian, Austin Junior Eads (W/M, DOB: 10/08/1952, Transient), was attempting to cross 34th Street North, from west to east, in the mid block of the 3200 block.

Eads stepped off the west curb the roadway, began walking eastbound, and stepped into the path of Smeltz's Cadillac. The front bumper of Smeltz's vehicle collided with Eads. Eads was then projected onto the hood and into the windshield of the vehicle, before being ejected onto the roadway.

Eads was transported to Bayfront Medical Center where he was pronounced dead on August 14, 2011, at 01:05 hours. Smeltz was uninjured in the crash.

CHARGES: None

ALCOHOL INVOLVED: Yes

NEXT OF KIN NOTIFIED: **Yes** – Winston Eads (Brother), TN

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