



**ST PETERSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT  
TRAFFIC SECTION  
MAJOR INCIDENT REPORT  
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**INCIDENT:** Fatality Crash (#28)      **REPORT#** 2011-050048  
**LOCATION:** Central Avenue and 37 Street  
**DATE:** 08/15/2011      **TIME:** 1745 Hours  
**INVESTIGATOR:** Officer Scott Blanchette (Van 4)

**SYNOPSIS:**

A 1995 Honda Civic, Florida tag #098XMC, being driven by Church Franklin (W/M, 06/09/1961, 2631 46 Street North St Pete) was westbound on Central Avenue in the median lane. A 2004 Pontiac Vibe, Florida tag #D859IF, being driven by Tieraca Poles, was northbound on 37<sup>th</sup> Street. Franklin disregarded a red light for westbound traffic and struck the Pontiac on the passenger's side. Franklin, his passenger, Michael Dillion(W/M, 07/13/1959, 401 15 Avenue North #258 St Pete), and Poles were all transported to Bayfront Medical Center. Franklin was later pronounced dead at 2130 hours.

**CHARGES:** No – Death of Offender  
**ALCOHOL INVOLVED:** Yes  
**NEXT OF KIN NOTIFIED:** No - Do Not Release Franklin's Information at This Time

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