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Fatality Hit & Run Accident

Location: 5th Avenue North and 22 Street

Date/Time: 12/23/11 at about 2:15 A.M.

Victim: Barry Lancaster, W/M, DOB 12/2/64 currently believed to be transient.

Arrested Suspect: Thom Brian Swift, W/M, 08/16/1967 of 2017 Dartmouth Avenue North, St. Petersburg

Suspect Vehicle: 2010 Acura TL, FL Tag 3C158BN

Charges: DUI Manslaughter & Leaving the Scene of an Accident Involving Death.

At about 2:15 A.m., Swift was driving his Acura eastbound in the curb lane of 5th Avenue North in the 2200 block when he struck a bicyclist, Barry Lancaster, who was also traveling eastbound in the curb lane of 5th Avenue. Lancaster was ejected onto the windshield of Swift's vehicle and then thrown to the roadway.

Swift failed to stop after the crash and continued to drive to his residence located at 2017 Dartmouth Avenue North. Police made contact with Swift at that location. He admitted to officers that he knew he was involved in a crash with what he believed to be a pedestrian and he fled the scene.

Lancaster was taken to Bayfront Medical Center when he was subsequently pronounced deceased at about 2:43 A.M.

Swift has been charged with DUI Manslaughter & Leaving the Scene of an Accident Involving Death and booked at the Pinellas County Jail

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