



**ST PETERSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT  
TRAFFIC SECTION  
MAJOR INCIDENT REPORT  
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**INCIDENT:** Fatality Crash #23 **REPORT#** 2011-046238

**LOCATION:** Neptune Dr SE and Manatee Dr SE

**DATE:** 07/30/2011 **TIME:** 0248 Hours

**INVESTIGATOR:** Officer Scott Blanchette (Van 4)

**SYNOPSIS:**

A 1982 Honda motorcycle, Florida tag #28138R, being driven by Phillip Michael Towler (W/M, 01/13/1976, 3947 Beach Driver SE St. Pete, FL) was eastbound on Neptune Driver SE. For an unknown reason, Towler veered off the roadway to the north and drove onto the property located at 3849 Neptune Driver SE. Towler continued north in the yard until he struck a bush and then a 2001 GMC pick up truck (owner by Michael Strickland, B/M, 07/25/1960, 3849 Neptune Drive SE) which was parked in the driveway of the residence. Towler was transported to Bayfront Medical Center where he was pronounced dead at 0650 hours. Alcohol was a factor in this crash.

**CHARGES:** None

**ALCOHOL INVOLVED:** Yes

**NEXT OF KIN NOTIFIED:** Yes, Jane Towler - Mother

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