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Fatal crash a SE Madison Circle North and 4th Street

ST PETERSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT
TRAFFIC SECTION
MAJOR INCIDENT REPORT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

INCIDENT: Fatal Crash (#10)REPORT#: 2011-018598

LOCATION: SE Monroe Circle North & 4th Street North

DATE: March 31, 2011TIME: 06:44 hours

INVESTIGATOR: Officer T. Nagle (Van 3)

SYNOPSIS:

A 2003 Dodge Dakota pickup truck, FL tag H961VW, being driven by Robert Fredrick Kitten (W/M, DOB: 04/13/1946, of 7756 62nd Way North, #G, Pinellas Park, FL) was traveling westbound on SE Monroe Circle North approaching 4th Street North. Kirk Christ (W/M, DOB: 09/12/1962, of 138 SE Monroe Circle North, St. Petersburg, FL) was the right front passenger in the vehicle and Jack Steven Tripp (W/M, DOB: 01/16/1954, of 129 6th Street South, #204, St. Petersburg, FL) was occupying the right rear passenger seat of the vehicle. All three occupants of the Dodge were unrestrained. A 2003 Chrysler Voyager minivan, FL tag M239DM, being driven by Mariolys Suarez Suarez (H/F, DOB: 01/10/1989, of 2576 40th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL), who is five months pregnant, was traveling northbound in the curb lane of 4th Street North.

Kitten stopped at the stop sign, then attempt to make a right, northbound turn onto 4th Street North. Kitten pulled into path of Suarez, who swerved to the left in an attempt to avoid the collision. The front of the Chrysler collided with the left side of the Dodge. The Chrysler rotated in a counterclockwise motion and the right side of the Chrysler collided with the left side of the Dodge before coming to rest. The Dodge was redirected in a northwest direction as it slid across the raised concrete center median. The front of the Dodge then collided with a water meter, a railroad tie, and shrubbery as the vehicle came to rest just west of the west curb line of 4th Street North.

Kitten was transported to Bayfront Medical Center where he was pronounced dead at 07:47 hours. Christ, Tripp, and Suarez were transported to Bayfront Medical Center with non life-threatening injuries.

CHARGES: None



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ALCOHOL / DRUGS INVOLVED: Investigation Further investigation

NEXT OF KIN NOTIFIED: Yes, Rebecca Kitten (Spouse)

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