ST PETERSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT
TRAFFIC SECTION
MAJOR INCIDENT REPORT
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INCIDENT: Serious Injury Crash **REPORT#** 2011-069328
LOCATION: 1900 block of 22nd Avenue South

DATE: 11/09/2011 **TIME:** 2020 Hours

INVESTIGATOR: Officer Scott Blanchette (Van 4)

SYNOPSIS:

The St. Petersburg Police and Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Task Force attempted a traffic stop in the area of 22nd Avenue South and 31st Street on a 1998 Honda Accord, Florida tag #W894YA, being driven by Jaylin Benniefield (B/M, 06/28/1984, 2101 47 Street South St. Pete). Benninefield fled from a marked police cruiser which terminated the attempted traffic stop at 22nd Avenue South and 28th Street and did not follow Benniefield any further. Benniefield continued to flee eastbound on 22nd Avenue South at a high rate of speed and driving in the westbound lanes around other eastbound traffic. Bennifield drove over the double yellow line on 22nd Avenue South and into the westbound median lane to pass another eastbound vehicle. Benniefield then merged back into the eastbound median lane where he rear ended a 2007 Toyota Camery, Florida tag #286XYF, being driven by Katrina Peak (B/F, 08/16/1964, 1510 21st Street South St. Pete) and occupied by Robert Peak (B/M, 05/26/1960, 1510 21st Street South St. Pete). Benniefield then veered into the eastbound curb lane of 22nd Avenue South and struck a 1996 Ford Taxi Cab, Florida tag #J29WIS, being driven by Devon Irwin (B/M, 10/02/1966, 6401 31st Street South #1020 St. Pete) which was eastbound on 22 Avenue South. All parties involved where transported to Bayfront Medical Center with serious, but non life threatening injuries. Numerous charges are pending for Benniefield.

CHARGES: Yes

ALCOHOL INVOLVED: Yes

NEXT OF KIN NOTIFIED: N/A – Non Life Threatening Injuries

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