



# St. Petersburg Police Department News Release



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## **For Immediate Release**

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## **Serious Crash 8th Avenue North and 28th Street**

ST. PETERSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC SECTION MAJOR INCIDENT REPORT

INCIDENT: Serious Injury Crash  
REPORT# 2011-058273  
LOCATION: 8th Avenue North and 28th Street  
DATE:09/21/2011  
TIME: 1216 Hours  
INVESTIGATOR: Officer Scott Blanchette (Van 4)

### SYNOPSIS:

A BMX style bicycle, operated by Sean Scott Smith (W/M, 06/08/1995, 4020 36th Avenue North St. Pete, FL 33713), was westbound on the south sidewalk of 8th Avenue North in the 2700 block. A 2002 Honda, Florida tag #290MEM, being driven by Kara Rose McGowan (W/F, 01/18/1995, 6230 3rd Avenue South, FL 33707), was northbound on 28th Street North in the median lane, approaching 8th Avenue North. Smith failed to yield to McGowan's right of way and he rode his bicycle into her path. McGowan took evasive action to avoid the collision, but she could not stop in time. The front of McGowan's vehicle struck Smith's bicycle, ejecting him up onto the windshield. Smith was taken to All Children's Hospital with head injuries and he was listed in serious condition.

CHARGES: Investigation Continuing  
ALCOHOL INVOLVED: No  
NEXT OF KIN NOTIFIED: Scott Smith and Susan Smith - Parents

For more information, please contact the St. Petersburg Police Public Information Office at 727-893-7550 during normal business hours; weekdays from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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