



# TARPON SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CHIEF OF POLICE

## Media Release

On Sunday 10/09/16 at 0344 hours TSPD was notified via a 911 call from a citizen of a wrong way driver on U.S. 19 in the area north of Klosterman Rd. traveling north in the southbound lanes. The wrong way vehicle struck a car traveling south on U.S. 19 at Tookes Rd. in the #1 lane. The driver of this vehicle, identified as Jessica Ramirez (W/F 08/31/86), stated that she observed the wrong way vehicle, later identified as a silver 2013 Chevrolet Cobalt (KY tag 896VLL) approaching her in the said lane. Ramirez took evasive action and drove to the right to avoid a head on collision. The front driver's side of the Chevy struck the rear driver's side bumper of Ramirez's vehicle, which was a 2006 Toyota Camry (FL CXYA60). The Chevy continued northbound in the southbound lanes of travel after the crash. The damage to both vehicles was minor and there were no injuries. Ramirez had one passenger, her husband Miguel Ramirez.

Cpl. Thornton observed the vehicle, still traveling north in the southbound travel lanes on U.S. 19 at Tarpon Ave. after the hit and run crash. The Chevy was in lane #1. Cpl. Thornton turned around and attempted to stop the vehicle using his emergency lights. The vehicle would not stop. There was active southbound traffic approaching this location. Cpl. Thornton passed the Chevy and used his police vehicle to stop the suspect to prevent a head on collision. The vehicle was stopped in front of 42678 U.S. 19.( Just north of Shell Pointe Rd.) The driver of the Chevy, Anna Marie Sosa (W/F 07/25/73) of 6700 150th Ave., #621, Clearwater, FL., was the lone occupant of the vehicle and was arrested for DUI at 0413 hours. Sosa was also charged with leaving the scene of an accident with property damage. She received four additional traffic citations and was transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

Respectfully,

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