



TARPON SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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Time: 1:20 p.m.

On Monday evening September 17, 2018 at approximately 11:35pm, The Tarpon Springs Police Department received a call of a multi vehicle crash involving a pedestrian on U.S. Hwy 19 at Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

When investigating units arrived, they found 58 year old Jon Pendleton of Tarpon Springs, laying in the second lane from the median, with multiple injuries, a wheelchair with considerable damage in the third lane from the median, a 1995 Silver four door Chevy, and a 2013 four door Volkswagen, that were both pulled into the median turn lane of U.S. Hwy 19 and Lime St.

Upon investigation it was determined that Jon Pendleton was operating a manual wheelchair crossing U.S. Hwy 19 from east to west approximately three feet outside and to the south of the marked crosswalk and against a red light. Witnesses reported that when Jon Pendleton was near the lane closest to the median he was waving his arms and yelling at vehicles. The 1995 Silver Chevy, which was being operated by 23 year old Scott McCullough of New Port Richey, struck the wheelchair causing Jon Pendleton to be ejected from the wheelchair and move into the second lane from the median. The 2013 Volkswagen, which was being operated by Stevan Ramirez of Tarpon Springs, then struck Jon Pendleton and then came to a stop.

Jon Pendleton was transport to Florida Hospital of North Pinellas and pronounced deceased on September 19, 2018 at 12:54 a.m.

This crash is still under investigation anyone that may have witness this crash that hasn't already reported it, please contact Officer Robert Gomez of the Tarpon Springs Police Department at 727-938-2849.

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