

PEMBROKE PINES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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NEWS RELEASE

PIO ASSIGNED THIS INCIDENT: Sgt. Christopher Sengelmann

PPPD CASE NUMBER: 2014-091327 **DATE:** 12-12-2014 **TIME:** 4:11am

CHARGE/INCIDENT: Hit and Run Traffic Crash - Fatality - Vehicle versus Cyclist

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: 700 South University Drive (Southbound)

VICTIM(S) – NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

1) David Lee Vaergis, DOB 03-15-56, B/M, 8710 SW 3 St, Pembroke Pines

2) _____

OTHER(S) – NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

1) Suspect Vehicle is a 2006-2009 Ford Fusion

2) _____

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:

*****UPDATE*****

On Friday January 2, 2014 at 2 pm, the Pembroke Pines Police Department will be hosting a News Conference in front of 9500 Pines Blvd (Police Headquarters).

At this time, additional details concerning this incident will be provided. A representative of the victim's family will be in attendance and available to speak to the Media. Additionally, the damaged bicycle that Mr. David Vaergis was riding at the time of the crash will be on site for the Media to view.

We would appreciate the Media's assistance in getting this information out to the public and helping us identifying the person responsible for this fatal crash.

At 4:11 am on 12-12-14, units from the Pembroke Pines Police and Fire Departments responded to 700 South University Drive for a call of a man on the ground in the south bound lanes. Mr. Vaergis was found lying in the roadway deceased, having suffered severe blunt force trauma. Investigation revealed that Mr. Vaergis was riding his bicycle northbound on University Drive in the southbound lane when he was struck by a vehicle headed south. The vehicle then left the scene without rendering aid or notifying police. The suspect vehicle is a 2006-2009 Ford Fusion and will have right front end damage and will be missing the right side passenger mirror.

This is an on going investigation and no charges have been filed at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Pembroke Pines Police Department at 954-431-2200, email to Tips@ppines.com, or call Crimestoppers at 954-493-TIPS