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MEDIA RELEASE

**PIO ASSIGNED THIS
INCIDENT:**

Sgt Christopher Sengelmann

**PPPD CASE
NUMBER:**

PPPD15OFF029367 DATE: 05-04-2015 TIME: 3:25am

CHARGE/INCIDENT:

Traffic Crash with Injuries

**PLACE OF
OCCURRENCE:**

Douglas Rd and Pines Blvd

DRIVER:

- 1) **Brandon Jack Ward, B/M, DOB 02-12-1984, 2732 SW 83 Ave, Miramar, FL 33025**

- 2) **Officer Ben Burke, W/M, 43 years old.**

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:

*****UPDATE - 5/7/2015*****

Officer Burke's condition has improved and he has been transferred from the Intensive Care Unit to a regular room at Memorial Regional Hospital. He remains in good spirits as he continues to recover from the injuries he received during the crash.

No further information will be released at this time.

*****UPDATE - 2:15PM*****

Preliminary investigation has revealed that alcohol appears to have been a factor in this crash. The investigation is ongoing, and no criminal charges will be filed at the present time, until official test results are obtained from the Broward County Medical Examiners Office.

Ofc. Burke continues to be in guarded but stable condition at Memorial Regional Hospitals Trauma ICU.

There is no additional information available at this time.

Pembroke Pines Police and Fire Rescue responded to Douglas Rd and Pines Blvd for a traffic crash with injuries. Investigation revealed that a blue 2009 Jeep Cherokee, driven by Brandon Jack Ward, was traveling south on Douglas Rd. A Pembroke Pines Police Vehicle driven by Officer Ben Burke was traveling east on Pines Blvd. As the police vehicle was crossing Douglas Rd, with a solid green light, the Jeep Cherokee drove into its path. The front bumper of the police vehicle struck the passenger side of the Jeep Cherokee. Both vehicles slid to the southeast corner of the intersection, where the Jeep Cherokee rolled onto its driver's side and came to rest against a tree. Pembroke Pines Fire Rescue transported both drivers to Memorial Regional Hospital, where they remain in stable condition.

This is an on going investigation and no additional information will be released 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 Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS