

**PEMBROKE PINES POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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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  
DUI and Serious Bodily Injury to Another  
DUI with Blood Alcohol Content >.15

**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 9-25-15 6:45 AM\*\*\***

On 9-24-15, Brandon Jack Ward was arrested at the Broward Sheriff's Office Main Jail for active warrants related to this incident (DUI with Serious Bodily Injury to Another {Felony} and DUI with Blood Alcohol Content >.15 {Misdemeanor}). A copy of the Probable Cause Affidavit is attached to this email.

Ofc. Burke continues to recover from injuries suffered during the crash, and has not yet been able to return to work.

**\*\*\*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.

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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](mailto:Tips@ppines.com), or call Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS**