



Pembroke Pines Police Department



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MEDIA RELEASE

ASSIGNED PIO: Sergeant John Baker

PPPD CASE NUMBER: PPPD17OFF037876

DATE: 06-09-2017

TIME: 7:44 PM

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: Pembroke Rd & SW 129 Ave (Roadway)

CHARGE/INCIDENT: Traffic Crash Fatality

SUBJECT(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

- 1) N/A
- 2)

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

- 1) Justin Michael Velez, 24, 11-08-1992, W/M, 14338 NW 15 St, Pembroke Pines, FL 33028
- 2)

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

On Friday, June 9, 2017, at 7:44 PM, Members of the Pembroke Pines Police and Fire Departments responded to a vehicle versus motorcycle crash at Pembroke Road and SW 129 Avenue.

Preliminary investigation revealed Victim #1, Justin Michael Velez of 14338 NW 15 St, Pembroke Pines, FL 33028, was riding his 2007 BMW motorcycle west on Pembroke Road and was approaching SW 129 Avenue. Juan Urquiza (74, 08-03-1942, W/M) of 1100 SW 130 Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL 33027, was driving his 1996 Honda 4 door, east on Pembroke Road, in the left turn lane and was approaching SW 129 Avenue. His wife, Miriam Urquiza (70, 03-10-1947, W/F), was in the front passenger seat of the Honda. According to multiple independent witnesses, Mr. Velez, was riding at a high rate of speed and crashed into the right front of the Honda as it turned left onto SW 129 Avenue. Mr. Velez's motorcycle redirected to the northwest corner of the intersection, mounted the curb and struck the traffic signal box, a wooden light pole and a metal handrail. Mr. Velez suffered life threatening injuries and was airlifted to Memorial Regional Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased at 8:28 PM by Doctor Raphael Sanchez. Miriam Urquiza suffered non-life threatening injuries and was transported to Memorial Regional Hospital for treatment.

This remains an active investigation.

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.