



AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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AURORA POLICE SEARCHING FOR VEHICLE WANTED IN OVERNIGHT FATAL VEHICLE VS. PEDESTRIAN HIT-AND-RUN

The Aurora Police Department is searching for a vehicle wanted in connection to an overnight fatal vehicle vs. pedestrian hit-and-run crash on the near east side.

Just after 1:00 a.m. on Sunday, Aurora Police's 911 Telecommunications Center received 911 calls of a pedestrian struck by a vehicle in a hit-and-run the 200 block of North Lincoln Avenue. When officers arrived on the scene, they found a man in the roadway in extremely critical condition. Aurora Fire Department paramedics arrived on the scene and transported the man to the hospital. Despite lifesaving measures by paramedics and hospital staff, the man was pronounced dead a short time later.

Other officers immediately began interviewing witnesses as APD's Traffic Division responded to the scene to begin investigating the crash. Officers were able to gather information about the fleeing vehicle, which is described as a two-toned pickup truck with a Mexican flag wrapped on the front hood and another Mexican flag on the back tailgate. It appears that the passenger side headlight was damaged in the crash and no longer functions. Investigators believe the truck is likely a Ford model pickup truck and has damage to the front passenger side and is missing its front grill.

Aurora Police's Critical Incident Intelligence Center immediately began reviewing video from city video cameras and found video of the vehicle fleeing from the scene. *(Still frames from the video clip are attached to this news release.)*

The Kane County Coroner's Office responded to the hospital and the victim was identified as Michael Brooks, 59, of the 400 block of Lakelawn Boulevard in Aurora.

The area around the 400 block of Lincoln Avenue remained closed for several hours while traffic investigators reconstructed the accident. Volunteers from Aurora's Emergency Management Agency responded to the area to assist with closures and scene lighting.

If you have any information about the crash or the vehicle involved, please contact Aurora Police's Traffic Division by calling (630) 256-5330 or by emailing TrafficDiv@aurora.il.us.

Information can also be reported anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at (630) 892-1000. Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards up to \$5,000 and anonymity to people who furnish information leading to the arrest of felony crime offenders and the capture of felony fugitives.

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Still frames of suspect vehicle are attached.

