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### ***Vehicular Homicide***

#### **Suspect Arrested in 2020 Fatal Traffic Crash on West Sunrise Boulevard**

The Plantation Police Department has announced the arrest of a suspect in connection with a fatal traffic crash that occurred on July 7, 2020, on West Sunrise Boulevard.

Following an extensive investigation, it was determined that Darryl Okeefe Efford was driving a 2019 Subaru at an excessive and dangerous speed when he collided with a 2013 Mercedes, which was attempting to turn left onto NW 43rd Avenue. The investigation revealed the vehicle was traveling at speeds exceeding 100 mph just prior to the crash, on a roadway with a posted speed limit of 45 mph.

A comprehensive traffic homicide investigation and reconstruction concluded that Efford's actions demonstrated a willful and wanton disregard for the safety of others. The investigation further determined that had the Subaru been traveling at the posted speed limit, the crash would not have occurred. Additionally, the driver of the Mercedes was found to have acted reasonably under the circumstances.

As a result of the crash, the driver of the Mercedes sustained serious injuries, and the front seat passenger was tragically killed.

Based on the findings of the investigation, a warrant was issued for Efford's arrest on a charge of vehicular homicide. He surrendered to the court on March 24, 2026.

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