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Traffic Accident Kills 14 Year-Old Pedestrian

Investigators assigned to the Metropolitan Police Department's Major Crash Unit are investigating a fatal traffic collision which occurred in the 2500 block of Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE.

At approximately, 8:25 a.m., Saturday, June 13th, the driver of a 2003 Kia Optima was traveling southbound on Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE and attempted to make a left turn onto Sheridan Road, SE. The driver of a 2003 Nissan 350Z was traveling northbound on Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE and attempted to swerve around the Kia Optima. The vehicles collided and the driver of the Nissan lost control, mounted a curb, and struck two pedestrians who were standing on the corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue and Howard Road, SE.

Both pedestrians were transported to an area hospital, where the male pedestrian succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at 9:01 a.m. The decedent has been identified as 14-year-old James Perkins of the 2500 block of Elvans Road SE. The other pedestrian, a 42-year-old female, was treated and released.

The drivers of both vehicles sustained minor injuries and were treated and released from an area hospital. The investigation is currently ongoing by detectives assigned to the Metropolitan Police Department's Major Crash Investigations Unit.

If you attempted to get through the area from Talbert St. SE to Sumner Rd SE then you hit the road blocks for the investigation yesterday morning. One my way to Goodwill around 12pm, we stopped and asked the officer what was going on, but over his shoulder it was quite obvious. From the top of the hill you could see the Nissan wrapped around the pole at the bottom of the hill.

With that said, people should re-evaluate their speed at that intersection. I've seen many people jay-walking in order to make the bus stop in time, and seen one too many cars speed through the intersection to make the light. It's not a good combination. In this case, two innocent bystanders were struck because of a careless miscalculation (how fast is he going and can I make this turn). It will be up to the police to figure out the true reason James Perkins is no longer with us. Regardless, my heart goes out to the family. We'll be praying for you.

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