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Harrisonburg, VA –

On Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at approximately 06:29 the Harrisonburg Police Department along with local Fire and Rescue agencies responded to the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Way and S. Main Street, Harrisonburg for a report of a traffic crash involving a pedestrian. The female victim, identified as a 21 year old local college student, was traveling South on S. Main Street and was crossing the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Way via the crosswalk on a motorized scooter. Multiple witnesses at the scene reported that an older model Dark Green Toyota Camry entered the intersection and failed to yield right of way to the crosswalk sign. The vehicle struck the female resulting in the female being thrown from the roadway. The driver of the vehicle then failed to stop at the scene of the accident and continued traveling East on Martin Luther King Jr. Way. The victim sustained serious injuries and has been transported by helicopter to the University of Virginia Medical Center.

After investigation, the suspect driver has been identified as Jacinto Perez Lopez of Harrisonburg and has been charged with Felony Hit and Run. Mr. Perez Lopez turned himself into the Harrisonburg Police Department lobby approximately two hours after the crash and has since been arrested and being held without bond at the Rockingham County Regional Jail.

The Harrisonburg Police Department asks that if you were in the area at the time of the crash or have further information related to this case to please call the non-emergency number (540) 434-4436. Anonymous tips related to this investigation can be sent to Crime Solvers by calling 540-574-5050 or text "HPD" plus the tip to CRIMES (274637).

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