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Press Release - Update on Hit and Run (Pedestrian)

Mount Pleasant Police Department criminal investigators arrested 25 year old Luis Molina-Bonilla and 25 year old Brenda Jimenez both of Mount Pleasant late Wednesday night for the early Tuesday morning injury hit and run crash that occurred in the 400 block of South O'Tyson Road.

On Tuesday April 16th at approximately 12:15 to 12:30 AM, 49 year old Martha Riley of Mount Pleasant was walking home after getting off of work at Pilgrim's Pride Corporation located in Mount Pleasant. Riley was walking northbound on the east side of O'Tyson Road when the vehicle Jimenez was driving struck Riley from behind.

Riley was found by several passing motorists lying on the side of the road. Those motorists stopped and assisted with caring for Riley while they waited for police, fire and paramedics to arrive. Riley was admitted to East Texas Medical Center in Tyler and is listed in critical condition.

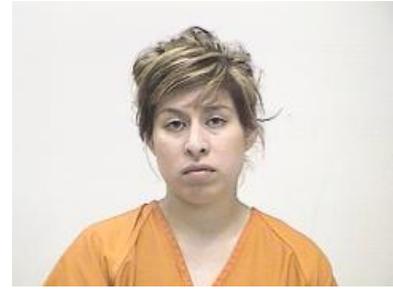
Wednesday evening investigators located a vehicle related to the incident parked in the 1000 Block of Monticello Road. Shortly thereafter the owner of the vehicle was located at the Pilgrim's Plant. Based on evidence related to the incident and statements made by Jimenez, implementing herself as the driver, she was arrested for Failure to Stop and Render Aid - Serious Bodily Injury. Just before being transferred from the police department to the Titus County Jail, Jimenez changed her story and implemented her boyfriend as being the driver at the time of the hit and run crash.

Bonilla, arrived at the Mount Pleasant Police Department to check on his girlfriend and was questioned about the hit and run crash. Bonilla provided a statement to investigators that he was the driver during the crash with the pedestrian. Both Jimenez and Bonilla indicated that they conspired to lie about the incident because Bonilla was not on the insurance policy for Jimenez's vehicle.

Bonilla, the driver, was charged with Fail to Stop and Render Aid - Serious Bodily Injury. Leaving the scene of an accident involving death or serious injury is a third-degree felony punishable by 2 to 10 years in a state prison. Jimenez was charged with False Report to a Police Officer, a class-B misdemeanor. At this time there is no indication that the driver Bonilla was intoxicated or impaired when the incident happened. Investigators believe both Bonilla and Jimenez had just gotten off of work at Pilgrim's and were driving home when Bonilla struck Riley.



Luis Monina-Bonilla



Brenda Jimenez

Previous press release:

On Tuesday April 16th at approximately 12:30 AM the Mount Pleasant Police Department received a call about a woman lying on the edge of the road in the 400 block of South O'Tyson Ave. When officers arrived at the call location they found a woman with an apparent head injury and broken leg. The woman was unresponsive and unable to answer any questions.

Several citizens stopped to help the injured woman before police arrived but they told officers they did not see what happened to the victim. EMS and Fire Department personnel arrived and provided medical assistance. The victim was transported to Titus County Regional Medical Center then transferred to East Texas Medical Center in Tyler where she is listed critical condition. The victim was identified as 49 year old Martha Riley of Mount Pleasant. The victim is believed to have been walking home after she got off work from Pilgrim's at the time of the incident.

Evidence found at the scene leads officers to believe the woman was hit by a vehicle. Based on the severity of injuries sustained by Riley, investigators believe there may be damage to the vehicle that struck her. Damage could be associated to the front passenger side of the vehicle. Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to contact the Mount Pleasant Police Department at 903-575-4004 or leave a tip at www/mpcity.net/police/tip.

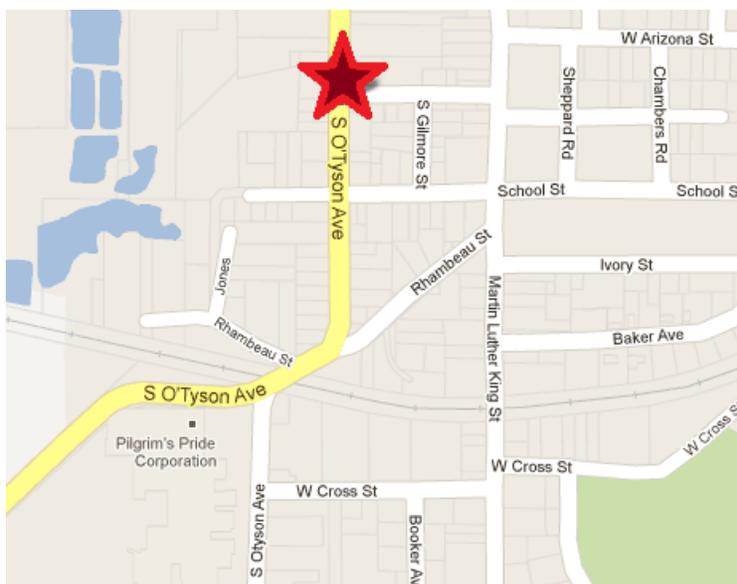


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