

Richardson Police Department News Release

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Officers Struck by Impaired Driver 2100 Blk. N. Central Expressway Richardson, TX

On Wednesday morning at approximately 12:25AM Richardson Police Officers James Champion and David Sherrard were assisting a stranded motorist in the 2100 block of North Central Expressway. The officers had pulled to the right shoulder of the northbound lanes to assist the motorist when Officer Sherrard was struck from behind by another motorist. Officer Sherrard was still inside of his squad at the time of the impact. Officer Champion had gotten out of his squad and was standing alongside Officer Sherrard's squad at the time of the collision. The impact forced Officer Sherrard's vehicle forward and into Officer Champion's squad. Officer Sherrard's vehicle continued across all lanes of northbound traffic and came to rest in the H.O.V. and left lane. Officer Sherrard was transported to Medical Center Plano where he was treated for his injuries and released. Officer Champion avoided injury as did the stranded motorist.

The 25 year-old driver of the 2001 Lexus that collided with the officers was identified as Savanna R. Cruz from Plano. Ms. Cruz was not injured in the collision. She was arrested at the scene and charged with Driving While Intoxicated.







Savanna R. Cruz