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Arrest Made in Hit and Run on Stadium Drive

Tuesday Morning, about 7:45 A.M, deputies with the Leon County Sheriff's Office responded to a traffic crash where a black Honda passenger car hit a motorcycle at the intersection of Stadium Drive and West Call Street. The driver of the Honda, later determined to be 24-year-old Merisa Garman, immediately left the scene. The driver of the motorcycle had serious injuries as a result of the crash and was taken to a local hospital.

Witnesses told deputies the Honda continued driving west on Call Street. Along the path of the vehicle, deputies located the vehicle's bumper.

Thanks to citizen information obtained through an LCSO social media post, information found through the LCSO Real Time Crime Center, and hard work by LCSO's Traffic Unit, Garman was found yesterday afternoon and transported to the Leon County Detention Facility.

"The Leon County Sheriff's Office has made it a priority to use the latest technology and tactics available, along with old fashioned police work, to investigate crimes and find suspects. This is a great example of all of those things coming together to complete an investigation quickly and thoroughly," said Leon County Sheriff Walt McNeil.

Since 2017, the Leon County Sheriff's Office has increased its social media following by over 500% on Facebook. Which has helped us with investigations just like this one.

Since the beginning of the year, the Real Time Crime Center has been instrumental in helping agencies across the state with over 1000 investigations.



ARRESTED: Merisa Garman **AGE:** 24

CHARGES: Hit and Run; Fail to Stop/Remain at Crash Involving Serious Bodily Injury



