



# NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Fatal Pedestrian Motor Vehicle Accident

**Niles, IL** - On January 25, 2019 at approximately 6:18 a.m. officers responded to a motor vehicle accident that occurred in the 8700 block of Dempster. The preliminary investigation found that the pedestrian a 78 year old male from Niles was traveling northbound across Dempster Street, at Western Avenue. An independent witness stated they observed the pedestrian walked directly in front of the vehicle as it was traveling west on Dempster Street. The vehicle a 2001 Ford sports utility vehicle struck the pedestrian on the north side of Dempster Avenue. The driver of the vehicle stayed on scene. The driver is an 18 year old male who was with his mother, as a passenger in the vehicle. The Niles Fire Department transported the pedestrian to Lutheran General Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced by an emergency room doctor at 6:52 a.m. The Major Crash Assistance Team is assisting in the investigation. The driver did not show any signs of impairment from alcohol or drugs. The driver was fully cooperative the entire time. At this time based upon the witness statements there have been no traffic citations issued.

#### **Pedestrian**

Horcher, Michael, 78 yoa, Male  
From Niles, Illinois