



CITY OF FORT WAYNE

SHARON TUCKER, MAYOR

Police Department • Paul Smith, Police Chief

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: 05/19/2026

Location: 4300 E State

Time: 4:30 pm

Details/Summary:

At approximately 430 pm, an off duty Fort Wayne Police Officer was east bound in the 4300 block of E State blvd. He observed an adult male on the North side of the roadway attempting to get his attention. The male then ran southbound across the roadway towards the officer's vehicle.

At the same time an on duty Fort Wayne officer was west bound on E. State Blvd in the north most (outside) lane when he observe the man run out into traffic in front of him. The officer avoided hitting the pedestrian, who was then struck by a black BMW also west bound in the inside lane.

The man was transported to the hospital where he was listed in life threatening condition. The driver of the BMW is cooperating with the investigation. Alcohol is not believed to be a factor.

E State between Inwood & Reed will remain closed while the Fatal Crash Team (FACT) conducts their investigation.

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