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Suspect sought in hit and run resulting in serious bodily injury to pedestrian:

CENTRAL FALLS – On April 20, 2017, at 8:25pm the Central Falls Police Department received calls for a reported hit and run accident involving a pedestrian. Responding officers found a victim lying in the roadway in front of a residence located at 237 Rand Street. The male victim was identified Joseph Sylvia (65) of Central Falls who was unconscious and appeared to be suffering from severe injuries.

Members of the detective bureau along with the department accident reconstruction team responded to the scene to continue the investigation. Based on the evidence, investigators were able to determine the type of vehicle involved in the accident as a BMW, and put a BOLO out for such a vehicle with heavy front end damage. Several hours after the accident, members of the patrol bureau located a vehicle matching the description with heavy damage and subsequently seized it.

The detective bureau was able to locate and speak with several parties today which lead to the identification of the operator of the vehicle at the time of the accident. Detectives subsequently obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect, Angel Otero (45), for the charge of duty to stop – accidents resulting in serious bodily injury.

At this time the victim remains at Rhode Island Hospital in critical condition. If anyone has additional information or the whereabouts of

the suspect in question, they are urged to contact the Central Falls Police Department at (401) 727-7411 or if you wish to remain anonymous, our TIPS line at (401) 727-7420.

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