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Driver arrested after hitting pedestrian in Ladson

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Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – Charleston County deputies on Sunday arrested a driver whose car struck a pedestrian walking alongside a Ladson road.

The Charleston County Sheriff's Office responded to the serious crash about 8:30 a.m. on Highway 78 near Mason Pond Place. Investigators from CCSO's Traffic Services Unit determined that a Kia sedan was westbound on Highway 78 when it crossed into the eastbound lanes and into the grass shoulder, where it struck the pedestrian walking westbound.

The pedestrian was taken to a hospital for treatment of life-threatening injuries.

The road was closed for about three hours as deputies conducted an investigation at the scene.

The driver, 38-year-old William Jerod Grant of Summerville, was not injured. Grant was arrested on charges of violating a beginner permit and driving on the wrong side of the road, as well as simple possession of marijuana and possession of contraband after marijuana was found on Grant at the Al Cannon Detention Center. Additional charges are possible.

Members of the Traffic Unit continue to investigate the crash.

For updates in traffic incidents, follow CCSO on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/ChasCoSheriff>.

UPDATE Wednesday, Aug. 10

The pedestrian died Aug. 8. The Charleston County Coroner's Office has released additional details regarding the victim.

Deputies continue to investigate. Additional charges remain possible.

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UPDATE Tuesday, Oct. 11

Grant was arrested Tuesday on an additional charge in the Aug. 7 pedestrian fatality of Samantha Hines. He now faces a count of reckless homicide.

The facts remain unchanged. Hines was walking lawfully on the grass shoulder of Highway 78. She was off the road surface and properly walking against the flow of traffic. Grant was driving on the other side of the road when his car crossed a median and into the opposing lane of travel before striking Hines on the shoulder. Grant was arrested that day on the previously listed charges. Hines died the next day.

Deputies from CCSO's Traffic Services Unit obtained the arrest warrant for reckless homicide in September. Members of a U.S. Marshals Service task force on Tuesday took Grant, now 39, into custody in the Summerville area, and he was booked at the Al Cannon Detention Center.

The arrest affidavit is available upon request to pio@charlestoncounty.org.

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