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## NAMPA POLICE DEPARTMENT

# PRESS RELEASE

On October 21, 2011 at 6:11 am Nampa Police responded to the report of a pedestrian that had been struck by a pick up on 11<sup>th</sup> Ave North at Birch. Upon arrival of the officers they discovered that a 35 year old female from Nampa had been walking east bound on Birch and was attempting to cross the street at 11<sup>th</sup> Ave North. The woman was struck in the middle of the intersection by a pickup that had also been east bound on Birch and stopped at the stop sign at Birch. The pickup was driven by a 69 year old Nampa man who attempted to turn left (north bound) on 11<sup>th</sup> Av North when he struck the pedestrian.

Officers investigating the incident believed that the pedestrian was not walking in the painted crosswalk at the time of the accident and reported that she was wearing dark clothing which made it very difficult to be seen.

The woman was transported to a local hospital where she was treated and released for her injuries. No citations have been issued for this accident and it remains under investigation.

This is the third pedestrian vehicle accident in the last two weeks in Nampa, all of which occurred during the early morning hours before sunrise. Nampa Police cautions drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists to be extra cautious this time of year during hours of darkness. Drivers need to remember to slow down and be more observant for pedestrians and bicyclists in the early morning hours especially in the areas of schools and parks. Pedestrians should likewise be extra cautious walking where there are no sidewalks or in areas where there is poor lighting and wear light colored clothing or small inexpensive light reflective vests or bands to aid being seen by motorists. Pedestrians should make sure all traffic is clear before entering and crossing streets and proceed as if no one can see them. Additionally, Idaho law requires all bikes that operate on the roadways after dark to have a light on the front of their bikes and at least a red reflector on the rear.

Nampa Police takes the safety of everyone who uses our city roads very seriously, however everyone needs to do their own part and do what they can to ensure their own safety and wellbeing.

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