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## **Fatal Crash**

### **SEBRING -**

At approximately 7:00PM last night, December 11<sup>th</sup>, Highlands County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a car accident involving a pedestrian on US 27 at West Palmetto St. in Avon Park, in the vicinity of Walmart. Arriving at the scene, deputies found bystanders attempting CPR on the pedestrian. A few minutes later Highlands County EMS arrived and assumed treating the victim who was then determined to be deceased.

So far, investigators have determined that Barbara Taylor, 73 years of age, of Wauchula, was travelling north on US 27 near the intersection of West Palmetto St. when the pedestrian ran across the road and into the path of her 2003 Honda Civic. Ms. Taylor was unable to stop in time to avoid hitting the victim. The victim has been identified as Francisco Meza, 45 years of age, of General Delivery, Avon Park.

At this time no charges have been filed in this case however the investigation remains open. Updates will follow as they become available.