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## **Crime Stoppers News Release For Immediate Use on Today's News**



### **WHAT: Crime Stoppers, HPD Hit & Run Investigators Seek Info on Driver Who Ran After Wreck That Kills Passenger**

Crime Stoppers and HPD Hit and Run investigators need the public's help in identifying the driver of a vehicle that crashed and killed a passenger.

20-year-old Javier Gomez was a passenger in his family's Ford Expedition on April 26, 2009, at about 12:50 p.m. The driver was unknown to Javier's family and friends. The driver was speeding down Lyons Avenue in near north Houston when he lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle struck a lamp post and rolled over several times before coming to rest.

The unknown driver exited the vehicle and fled on foot without attending to Javier, who was still inside the vehicle. Arriving emergency personnel pronounced Javier dead at the scene.

The driver is described only as a Hispanic male about 5'5" to 5'7" tall, weighing 150-160 pounds, and having short dark brown hair.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$5,000 for information called in to the 713-222-8477 tips hotline or submitted online at [www.crime-stoppers.org](http://www.crime-stoppers.org) that leads to the identification, arrest and/or charging of any suspect in this case. All tipsters remain anonymous.

A photo of Javier Gomez accompanies this release.