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### **WHAT: Victim Identified in Wednesday's Early Morning Hit & Run on Eastex Freeway**

Crime Stoppers and the Harris County Sheriff's Office Hit & Run investigators are asking the public for any information that would identify the driver of a white pickup truck who struck and killed Vanetrice Nelloms.

On Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup> at approximately 6:09 a.m. in the morning, an HPD Officer traveling southbound on the Eastex Freeway heard several calls about a black female darting in and out of traffic in the 14200 block near Lee Road. Upon arriving at that location he parked his vehicle, approached Vanetrice Nelloms and led her back to his patrol car. When they reached the patrol car she bolted from his grasp. She ran across the traffic lanes, jumped the HOV lane barriers and entered the northbound traffic. Everyone but one driver moved to avoid hitting her. The driver of a white 1999-2004 Ford F350 Super Duty pickup truck struck her and kept going. The driver did not try to avoid Ms. Nelloms at all. She died at the scene.

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 charging of any suspect in this case. All tipsters remain anonymous.