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ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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POLICE OFFICER CHARGED WITH VEHICULAR HOMICIDE IN SOUTH DADE COLLISION

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Miami-Dade Police Officer John Young Song, a 3-year veteran of the department, has been charged with Vehicular Homicide as a result of a collision that took the life of 45-year-old Emilio Jesus Vizcaino. The March 6, 2018 crash occurred at the intersection of S.W. 260th Street and S.W. 147th Avenue, a rural/agricultural area of Miami-Dade County at approximately 1:30 a.m. The investigation by Miami-Dade Police Department Traffic Homicide investigators determined that at the time of the crash, Officer Song was on duty, and driving a marked 2015 police car westbound on S.W. 260th Street. Officer Song disregarded the stop sign for westbound traffic and entered the intersection at nearly 80 miles per hour. There is no evidence Officer Song had his lights or siren activated at that time, and was not responding to any emergency calls for service.

The front of Officer Song's police vehicle impacted the driver's door of Mr. Vizcaino's vehicle. Mr. Vizcaino died on the scene from the force of the impact. A post-collision inspection of Officer Song's police car revealed that the headlight switch was in the "off" position, indicating that Officer Song likely did not have his headlights on while he was driving on the dark roads. Mr. Vizcaino had no chance to avoid the collision with the officer.

"It is always difficult for a police department to have to investigate one of its own," said State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle. "The Miami-Dade Police Department's Traffic Homicide Unit conducted a thorough investigation which revealed that Officer Song's actions took the life of an innocent citizen. I am proud that my office was able to work with them on this case in an unbiased manner, to get to the truth of what happened."

"Miami-Dade Police Department policy delineates procedures by which incidents of this nature are documented and investigated," stated Miami-Dade Police Department Director Juan J. Perez. "As such, this investigation, resulting in the arrest Officer Song, was initiated by Miami-Dade Police Department's Traffic Homicide Unit, and worked in conjunction with the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office. We are committed to the highest professional standards, and will always endeavor to achieve our mission while being transparent and accountable for our actions."

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