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Gainesville Sun Man charged with DUI after crash

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Gainesville police arrested a man for driving under the influence after they said he hit a pedestrian and struck a sign early Sunday.

Officers accused Marcus Walter Anderson, 28, of DUI and failing to stop at a crash involving injury.

The accident occurred in the 1700 block of West University Avenue shortly after 1 a.m. Police reported Anderson drove onto the sidewalk where the passenger side mirror of his vehicle hit James C. Hodges of Gainesville.

The extent of Hodges' injuries were not known, although officers did not indicate they were life-threatening.

Police reported Anderson performed poorly on field sobriety exercises. But, in the police report, Anderson was quoted as denying he had been drinking and said he fell asleep at the wheel. He also said he was seeing a doctor for depression but was not taking any medication for it.

Anderson is listed as a resident with the University of Florida's College of Medicine Department of Psychiatry, according to the university's Web site. He had been placed on administrative leave with pay, according to the university.

Reached late Monday, Anderson said he was being represented by area attorney John Stokes.

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