

# News Release

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## **Nicholas Bollea Arrested for Reckless Driving Involving Serious Bodily Injury; Second Driver Given Court Summons for Reckless Driving**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 07, 2007

**WHO:** Vehicle 1: 1998 Toyota Supra  
Style: Hatchback  
Color: Yellow

Driver 1: Nicholas Bollea  
W/M DOB 07/27/90  
130 Willadel Dr.  
Belleair, FL

Passenger 1: John Graziano III  
W/M DOB 01/04/85  
1225 Curlew Rd.  
Dunedin, FL

Vehicle 2: 2003 Dodge Viper  
Style: Convertible  
Color: Silver

Driver 2: Daniel Jacobs  
W/M DOB 06/01/85  
1880 Pinehurst Rd  
Dunedin, FL

Passenger 2: Barrett Lawrance  
W/M DOB 03/25/80  
17109 Orangewood Dr.  
Lutz, FL

**WHAT:** Nicholas Bollea (Driver 1) was arrested this morning on a warrant for Reckless Driving Involving Serious Bodily Injury resulting from an August 26, 2007 wreck which seriously injured his passenger, John Graziano III. Daniel Jacobs (Driver 2) is being issued a summons to appear in court for Reckless Driving.

**WHEN:** 11/07/2007

9:48 a.m. (arrest time)

**WHERE:** Nicholas Bollea turned himself in to Clearwater Police at 14450 46th Street North. He is been transported by Clearwater Police to the Pinellas County Jail where he is currently being booked.

**HOW/WHY:** The Clearwater Police Department has completed an extensive investigation into the causes of an August 26, 2007 wreck involving Nicholas Bollea and his passenger John Graziano III. The investigation, conducted by a team of four (4) specially trained police investigators, working in conjunction with the Pinellas-Pasco State Attorney's Office, involved the critical examination of substantial physical evidence and the interviews of numerous witnesses. Based on the evidence and witness testimony, investigators have concluded that Bollea was operating his vehicle recklessly at the time of the crash and caused serious bodily injury to Graziano.

This morning a warrant was issued for Bollea's arrest per Florida Statute 316.192 (3)(c) 2 (Reckless Driving Involving Serious Bodily Injury). Bollea turned himself in to Clearwater Police. He has been transported and is currently being booked into the Pinellas County Jail. Reckless Driving Involving Serious Bodily Injury is a third-degree felony. Bollea was also cited for:

-Use of a motor vehicle in commission of a felony;

-A person under the age of 21 operating a vehicle with a breath-alcohol level of .02 or higher;  
-Illegal window tint

Investigators interviewed several witnesses who stated they saw Bollea (Driver 1) and Daniel Jacobs (Driver 2) racing, before Bollea lost control of the his vehicle and crashed into a tree. The vehicle came to rest in the median of Court Street, east of South Missouri Ave at 7:31 p.m. on August 26, 2007. Investigators have determined Bollea was driving in excess of 60 miles per hour close to or at the time of the crash. The posted speed limit in that area is 40 miles per hour. The road was also wet due to a recent rain shower.

Investigators have concluded that although Vehicle 1 and Vehicle 2 were racing, Jacobs (Driver 2) was not a direct cause in the crash. Jacobs is being issued a summons to appear in court for Reckless Driving.

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