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Police ID driver in bicycle hit-and-run

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AMHERST - Police said they've identified the driver of a vehicle that struck and hospitalized a University of Massachusetts bicyclist in a hit-and-run collision last weekend.

The 19-year-old Orange man will be summoned to appear in Eastern Hampshire District Court on the charge of leaving the scene of a personal injury accident. Police said they did not disclose the man's name because he has yet to be summoned to court.

Around 10:22 p.m. on April 17, while riding a bicycle on Main Street in downtown Amherst, Matthew Oliverio, a 22-year-old UMass biology major, was seriously injured after being struck by a dark-colored sedan, officials said. Witnesses told police the car involved drove away from the scene. Oliverio, originally from Braintree, was treated at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield and has since been released from the hospital, police said.

The suspect's vehicle is now in police custody and is being examined by local and state officials. No court date has been set.

- Matt Rocheleau

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