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## INFORMATION RELEASE

**Subject: Deceased Person - Updated**

**Date: 03/08/2008**

**Updated: 03/20/08**

**Updated: 04/18/08**

**From: Sgt David Campbell**

**Case or Incident #: 080308-007**

### Summary:

On 03/08/2008, at approximately 5:04 am, the Juneau Police Department received a report of a one car vehicular accident in the area of 5500 Glacier Highway. Upon arrival, officers identified the driver as 55 year old Juneau resident Remond Henderson. Also in the vehicle was an unconscious female, later identified as 41 year old Juneau resident Melinda Chamberlin.

Chamberlin was transported to the Bartlett Regional Hospital by Capital City Fire Rescue personnel. At BRH Chamberlin was pronounced deceased. There were no external signs of injury to Chamberlin. Chamberlin will be sent to the State Medical Examiners Office in Anchorage for an autopsy to determine the cause of death. Next of kin has been notified.

Henderson said that he was rushing to the hospital to get Chamberlin medical attention after she passed out and became unresponsive. On the way to the hospital Henderson lost control of his vehicle, a 1999 Jeep, and drove into the ditch. The vehicle received minimal damage.

Alcohol was involved in the incident. Henderson was taken to BRH, where blood and urine were drawn pursuant to a search warrant.

The 5500 block of Glacier Highway was closed for approximately 4 hours while investigators inspected the accident scene.

Investigation continues.

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**UPDATE 3/20/08**

The Preliminary autopsy on Chamberlin shows no evidence of foul play. Toxicology results are still pending and may take several weeks.

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**UPDATE 4/18/08**

The investigation into Ms. Chamberlin's death is complete. The resulting evidence shows that she died of natural causes and not as a result of the vehicle accident

**Any charges reported in this press release are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.**

**\*\*\* END OF STATEMENT \*\*\***

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