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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Motor Vehicle Collision

Date: Friday, June 20, 2008

From: Sgt Steve D. Hernandez

Case or Incident #080620-016

Summary:

On 06/20/2008, at approximately 5:00 pm, the Juneau Police Department received a report of a single vehicle rollover accident on Thane Road, by the Thane Ore House Restaurant. JPD received additional reports that the vehicle was occupied by two young adults both reportedly injured in the rollover. JPD officers and Capital City Fire and Rescue personnel responded to the scene.

Upon officers and fire department arrival, they met with a 17-year-old female and a 16-year-old male. The juveniles had sustained injuries as a result of the collision. Also observed was a 1989 black Mazda which was lying in the ditch along Thane Road by the Ore House. The vehicle had extensive damage to the majority of its exterior.

After interviews with both juveniles and witnesses and considering officer field observations, it was determined that the 17-year-old female had been the driver and the 16-year-old male was the passenger of the Mazda. They had allegedly been racing with another vehicle, identified as a white truck, along Thane Road. The white truck was not located at the scene. The driver said she lost control of the vehicle she was driving on the gravel along the side of the road. The vehicle then veered into the ditch, struck several large boulders, then rolled over at least two times before it came to rest.

Both juveniles were transported to Bartlett Regional Hospital ER for evaluation of their injuries. They were treated and later released.

Drugs and excessive speed are suspected to have been contributing factors in the collision. The investigation is continuing.

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

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