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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: MVA

Date: October 14th, 2006

From: Officer Kim Horn

Case or Incident # 2006-034980

Summary:

On October 14th, 2006 at approximately 6:20pm, the Juneau Police Department received a call reporting a single vehicle accident on Riverside Drive near Melvin Park. The caller reported the vehicle had veered onto the bike path, then nearly caused a head on collision with on coming traffic, then swerved into and struck a utility pole, knocking it down.

On arrival, officers located a 1990 Dodge van impacted into the utility pole at the corner of Riverside Drive and Killewich. The 17 year old male driver was uninjured and denied medical assistance.

Subsequent investigation revealed the van was traveling north on Riverside Drive when the driver fell asleep at the wheel, veering into the bike lane. The vehicle then crossed the road into the oncoming lane of traffic, almost causing a head on collision. The operator woke up, became startled and over corrected the steering, colliding with the utility pole.

Portions of the Mendenhall Valley had interrupted power service for several hours until A.E.L.& P. was able to make repairs.

The vehicle was totaled. Excessive speed and driver inexperience are believed to have contributed to the cause of the accident.

The 17 year old driver was cited for Negligent Driving.

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