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## INFORMATION RELEASE

**Subject: Vehicle Accident/Injuries**      **Date: Friday, January 04, 2008**

**From: Sgt. Steve D. Hernandez**      **Case or Incident # 080104-020**

### Summary:

On 01/04/08, at approximately 8:44 pm, the Juneau Police Department received a report of a single motor vehicle accident on Thane Road, south of the Thane Ore House. The caller reported that four people had occupied the vehicle and at least one of them was injured.

Juneau Police Officers and personnel from Capital City Fire and Rescue responded to the area. Upon arrival, officers and fire personnel contacted four juveniles in the Thane Ore House building. Also found, was a 2005 Toyota sedan, which was lying in the ditch, off the roadway, approximately 30 feet from the highway. The vehicle appeared to have extensive damage. The door side airbags on the passenger side had been deployed.

After speaking with all four juveniles (all seventeen year olds), it was determined that the female driver and her passengers (two males and one female) had been awaiting the start of a scheduled hockey game and had driven out on Thane Road to pass time.

The driver said she was driving south on Thane Road, proceeding around the corner above the Thane Ore House and had lost traction on the black ice. She overcorrected and drove the vehicle into the ditch. The two back seat passengers (male and female) were the only two injured in the car. They complained of pain to their backs. The male was transported via CCFR ambulance to Bartlett Regional Hospital ER for a medical evaluation. The female was later driven to the ER by a relative.

The driver was cited for careless driving, a violation. The vehicle was privately towed from the scene.

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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