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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Motor Vehicle Rollover

Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2008

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Case or Incident #080402-009

Summary:

On 04/02/08, at approximately 7:30 pm, the Juneau Police Department received a report of a single-vehicle rollover on outbound Egan Drive, north of the McNugget intersection. Another caller reported that the two occupants of the vehicle had been ejected during the rollover, but were conscious.

JPD Officers and Capital City Fire and Rescue personnel arrived to the scene. The vehicle was determined to be a 1995 Jeep Grand Cherokee. The driver was identified as a 19-year old local male and the passenger as a 16-year old local female. The vehicle had sustained extensive damage. Both occupants were treated by CCFR personnel at the scene and transported to Bartlett Regional Hospital ER for further evaluation.

While at the scene, officers were approached by an adult witness who told them that she had been walking along the bike path, adjacent to where the accident had taken place. The witness stated she had observed the vehicle driving at an excessive speed, lose control, then drive into the ditch, eventually rolling over at least twice, and ejecting both occupants. The witness said she had to take her own evasive action in order to keep from being struck by the vehicle as it drove along the ditch.

Preliminary investigation at the scene, interviews conducted, and evidence located showed that both occupants had allegedly been “huffing” from an aerosol can while they drove on Egan Drive. The driver lost control of the vehicle due to the combination of speed and the contents of the aerosol can which acts as an intoxicant.

Investigation continues and charges are pending.

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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