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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Injury Accident

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Case or Incident # 080426-001

Summary:

On April 25, 2008 around 1157pm, officers of the Juneau Police Department attempted to contact several young people parked on the side of the road near 33 mile Glacier Highway. As officers approached one of the vehicles, a silver 1999 Cadillac, a female quickly exited the front seat and got in back. A young man remained behind the wheel. Officers attempted to talk to the pair but the man sped away, ignoring the officers. Officers did not chase this vehicle, but remained to speak with the other persons there.

At approximately midnight a report was received of a multiple vehicle accident at 34 mile. Responding officers found the silver Cadillac that had fled from them moments earlier had struck a white 1998 Tahoe and silver 1996 Dodge pickup parked off the road in a pull out near Sunshine Cove.

Witnesses said the silver Cadillac was traveling at a high rate of speed and lost control on a curve where it left the roadway and struck the two parked vehicles.

A 26 year old Juneau woman was sitting on the tailgate of the Tahoe when it was struck and sustained injuries from the impact. She was transported to Bartlett Regional Hospital for treatment. Also transported to the hospital were the male and female occupants of the Cadillac, both 17 year old Juneau residents. None of the injuries appear to be life threatening. The Cadillac and the Tahoe were totaled.

Both excessive speed and alcohol appear to be a factor. 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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