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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: DWI/Eluding/Assault

Date: September 25, 2008

From: Cindee Brown-Mills

Case#: 080925-015

Summary:

On 9/25/08, at 5:51 pm, the Juneau Police Department received a report that the male driver of a blue van was drinking beer while parked on Mendenhall Mall Road. Officers located a blue Ford van driving on Mendenhall Mall Road and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The van kept moving at a low rate of speed and did not stop. Officers attempted to surround the van with their vehicles, but the van drove around the patrol cars.

The van stopped momentarily and two (2) passengers exited the vehicle. The two passengers were later identified as a 33 year old male Juneau resident, and a 41 year old female Juneau resident. The vehicle struck the female passenger and drove toward the officers. One patrol vehicle hit the van and an officer discharged his firearm at the on-coming vehicle. No one was injured by the officers.

The vehicle drove away and the officers followed. The vehicle drove inbound on Egan Drive, drove onto the Glacier Highway at the Fred Meyer access, and then drove to the Vanderbilt Intersection. The officers followed with their emergency lights and sirens activated. The blue van was driving between 40-50 miles per hour. One citizen, a 25 year old Juneau female resident, reported that her vehicle was struck by the blue van on the Glacier Highway near the city dump. Other drivers in the area that had to take emergency action to avoid the blue van are encouraged to contact the Juneau Police Department.

At the Vanderbilt Intersection the vehicle struck the guard rail, drove off the road, and landed approximately 150 feet off the roadway. Officers contacted the driver, who was identified as 38 year old male Juneau resident. The driver was transported to the Bartlett Regional Hospital by CCFR, then medivaced to Seattle for treatment of his injuries that were sustained during the accident.

The female passenger was also taken to Bartlett Regional Hospital by CCFR, then medivaced to Anchorage for treatment of her injuries.

Multiple charges are pending against the driver and the investigation is continuing.

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