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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Fatality Motor Vehicle Accident

Date: 06/05/2009

From: Sgt Chris Burke

Case #: 090605-006

Summary:

On 06/05/2009, approximately 2:30 am, the Juneau Police Department received a report of a single car motor vehicle accident near 37 mile Glacier Highway. The vehicle was traveling inbound on the Glacier Highway at excessive speeds. The vehicle lost control and went off the side of the road. The driver and a passenger were thrown from the vehicle; a second passenger was wearing a seatbelt and remained in the vehicle.

The passenger that was thrown from the vehicle, 18 year-old Juneau resident Taylor White died at the scene. Next of kin have been notified. The driver, an 18 year-old male, was transported by CCF/R personnel to Bartlett Regional Hospital in serious condition and will be med-evaced for his injuries. The other passenger, a 17 year-old female, was also transported to BRH with reportedly minor injuries.

JPD investigators responded to the scene. The Glacier Highway was closed as soon as emergency personnel arrived and remains closed while investigators survey the scene. The preliminary investigation revealed that alcohol may have been a factor in the accident.

Investigation Continues.

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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