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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Motor Vehicle Accident Date: October 21, 2009

From: Sgt Erickson Case or Incident # 091020-020

Summary: On October 20, 2009 at about 1900 hours, the Juneau Police Department received a report of 2 car accident that occurred near Cinema Drive on Loop Road. Initial reports said the accident was a "head-on" collision and one of the vehicles was overturned after impact. Juneau Police and Capital City Fire and Rescue (CCFR) responded to the scene.

Investigation revealed that a 1997 Acura was driving toward the Glacier on Loop Road in the inbound lane when it was struck by a 2001 Chevy Tahoe. The Acura was driven by a 19 year old female Juneau resident and the Tahoe was driven by 22 year old male Juneau resident. When the 22 year old driver saw the Acura in his lane he attempted to swerve out of the way, toward the bike path, of the Acura but was unable and struck the front driver side with the rear driver side tire. Upon impact the Tahoe was rolled onto the passenger side where it came to a stop. The Acura slid to a stop, upright, partially in the lane of inbound travel. Both vehicles were totaled in the collision. The inbound lanes of Loop Road were closed due to the accident.

The 19 year old female driver of the Acura was treated for minor injuries at the scene and the 22 year old male driver of the Tahoe was taken to Bartlett Regional Hospital for treatment but was later released. The 19 year old Acura driver was cited for Negligent Driving and released at the scene; alcohol or other similar impairment was not a factor in the accident.

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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