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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Vehicle Collision/Injuries **Date: Friday, October 30, 2009**

From: Sgt Steve D. Hernandez **Case or Incident #091030-005**

Summary:

On 10/30/09, at approximately 7:15 am, the Juneau Police Department received a 911 call of a multi-vehicle collision on Egan Drive by the Lemon Creek Bridge. Follow-up 911 calls from other driver's said that three vehicles were involved and one contained two males who had both sustained injuries. JPD Officers and personnel from Capital City Fire and Rescue responded.

Upon arrival, it was determined that a 1999 Ford Ranger had been proceeding outbound on Egan Drive in the area of the Lemon Creek Bridge. A 2008 Subaru was proceeding Egan Drive inbound, approaching the Bridge along with a 1983 Ford commercial panel van.

The 51-year old driver of the Ford Ranger said he lost traction on the roadway from glare ice, drove into the median, impacted with the center guardrail. The Ranger continued across the median and into oncoming inbound traffic. The Ranger first collided with the left side of the Subaru then glanced off and impacted with the left/rear side of the Ford panel van. The driver of the Ranger was not injured.

The occupants of the Subaru, a 47-year old driver and 53-year old passenger, both sustained injuries. The 34-year old driver of the Ford panel van was not injured. The occupants of the Subaru were first treated by CCFR EMT's, and then subsequently taken to Bartlett Regional Hospital ER for evaluation of their injuries. Both the Subaru and Ranger were totaled and towed away. The panel van was driven away by the operator.

Black ice and unsafe speed were determined to be factors in the collision. The driver of the Ford Ranger was cited for careless driving. The extent of the injuries to the occupants of the Subaru are unknown at this time.

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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