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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Motor Vehicle Collision

Date: Saturday, June 5, 2010

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Case or Incident # 100605-017

Summary:

On Saturday, June 5, 2010 at approximately 11:00 pm, the Juneau Police Department received several reports of a head-on collision involving two vehicles at the intersection of Mendenhall Loop Road and Nancy Street. Both drivers were trapped due to the extensive damage to the vehicles. Capital City Fire and Rescue was also dispatched.

Upon arrival of rescue personnel, it was determined that the two vehicles involved, a white 1996 Ford Ranger and a red 1986 Dodge pickup were stopped in the roadway, directly across from Nancy Street. It appeared the Dodge had been traveling toward Egan Drive and the Ford toward the Mendenhall Glacier. The Ford had crossed out of its lane of travel and impacted the Dodge.

The driver of the Ford, a 51-year old male, and the driver of the Dodge, a 44-year old male, were both assisted by CCFR personnel, extricated from the cabs of their respective vehicles, and transported to Bartlett Regional Hospital ER. The driver of the Ford was admitted for further observation and the driver of the Dodge was treated and released. Their vehicles were impounded.

Through witness accounts and follow-up investigation, it was determined that the Ford had been driving erratically on Mendenhall Loop Road, then crossed into the oncoming lane of travel where it collided head-on with the Dodge pickup. It was also determined that inhalant use by the driver of the Ford was a possible cause of the erratic driving and subsequent collision with the Dodge. Two search warrants were granted and executed on both the driver of the Ford and his vehicle. Information gathered by the search warrants will be forwarded to the State Crime Lab for analysis and charges pending their result.

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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