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## INFORMATION RELEASE

**Subject:** Vehicle Vs. Bicycle Accident                      **Date:** June 7, 2010

**From:** Cindee Brown-Mills                                      **Case or Incident:** 100606-006

### Summary:

On Sunday at about 2:30pm JPD received a report that a Black, Volkswagen Jetta driven by a 22 year old Juneau woman had struck a 10 year old Juneau boy at the corner of Mendenhall Loop Road and Back Loop Road. Forest Service officers were the first to arrive and found the boy conscious with scratches and bruises but no other visible injuries. CCF/R also responded however his parents declined transport and he was taken to Bartlett Regional Hospital by his parents.

Further investigation revealed that the boy had been bicycling with a group. When the group approached the crosswalk the Volkswagen paused for them as it approached to make a turn. The 10 year old boy was 10-15 feet behind the rest of the group. Once the group passed, the Volkswagen made the turn and struck the boy. Officers advise that he did not appear to be wearing a helmet.

The 22 year old woman was given a citation for failure to show proof of insurance.

Now that summer is upon us there are more bicyclists on the road. Here are a few tips for bicycling safety.

- **Avoid busy streets** – take the scenic tour through neighborhoods and streets with less traffic.
- **Signal your turns** – Let motorist know what your intentions are. You are less likely to get hit if motorists know your intentions instead of catching them by surprise.
- **Ride as if you were invisible** – It's often helpful to ride in such a way that motorists won't hit you even if they don't see you. If you stay out of their way, then you won't get hit even if they didn't notice you were there.
- **Re-think music players and mobile phones** – It is more important to hear what is going on around you then talking to your friend or listening to your favorite song.

**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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