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## INFORMATION RELEASE

**Subject: Motor Vehicle Collision/Fatality**

**Date: Friday, July 23, 2010**

**From: Sgt. Steve D. Hernandez**

**Case or Incident #100723-022**

### Summary:

On 07/23/2010, at approximately 10:45 pm, the Juneau Police Department received a call from the parent of an 18-year old male, saying that when her son had not arrived to a scheduled gathering at the Shrine of St. Therese that she had sent her older son to look for him. While searching for his brother, the older son had come upon the wrecked remains of his brother's vehicle in a deep embankment at approximately the 22-mile marker of Glacier Highway.

Personnel from both JPD and Capital City Fire and Rescue responded to the scene. They were met by the family members of the missing 18-year old male.

Officers and rescue personnel located the remains of a 2005 Toyota sedan approximately 40-feet down a steep embankment. The vehicle had been separated in two from impacting a large tree. Adjacent to the front half of the vehicle, personnel located 18-year old Daniel MELVILLE. He was deceased at the scene.

MELVILLE's parents, who stayed at the scene, were told of the discovery.

Preliminary investigation at the scene showed the 2005 Toyota had been operated by MELVILLE. The vehicle was being driven outbound on Glacier Highway when it left the roadway, drove down the embankment, and impacted with the tree, causing the front section of the vehicle to detach and ejecting the driver. There was no evidence at the scene of alcohol use.

MELVILLE was sent to Anchorage for an autopsy to be conducted by the State Medical Examiner's Office.

The investigation into the cause of the collision is still under investigation.

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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