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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Motor Vehicle Collision/Injury Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2007

From: Sgt. Steve D. Hernandez Case or Incident #2007-005006

Summary:

On Wednesday, 02/14/07, at approximately 8:55 pm, the Juneau Police Department received a report that a car had run off the road on the Back Loop Road and the driver had been physically ejected from it. Follow up calls reported that the location was on the Back Loop Road, near the intersection of Wren Drive. JPD Officers and personnel from Capital City Fire and Rescue (CCFR) responded to the area.

Upon arrival, emergency personnel located a 2001 Chevrolet Pickup approximately ten feet off the roadway, adjacent to the outbound lane of Back Loop Road (heading towards Auke Bay). The vehicle had sustained substantial damage to its front end. Personnel also located a male who was lying approximately five feet from the vehicle. The male, a 30-year old local resident was determined to be the driver and only occupant of the vehicle. The driver sustained extensive injuries during the incident and was taken to Bartlett Regional Hospital ER by CCFR.

After conducting a field investigation of the scene, officers determined that the 2001 pickup had been traveling inbound (towards Mendenhall Glacier) on the Back Loop Road, approaching the Wren Drive intersection. The driver lost control of the vehicle, possibly due to speed, weather conditions, and alcohol intoxication and ran off the road. As the vehicle left the roadway, it became airborne and impacted with a telephone pole. The impact caused the unseat belted driver to be ejected through the passenger side window. The vehicle came to rest near the pole and the driver next to the vehicle. The vehicle was impounded for safekeeping.

The driver was later medevaced due to his injuries. The incident is still under investigation 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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