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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Motor Vehicle Collision Date: Friday, November 19, 2010

From: Sgt Steve D. Hernandez Case or Incident: 101119-011

Summary:

On 11/19/2010, at approximately 8:00 am, the Juneau Police Department received several reports of a multi-vehicle collision at the intersection of Mendenhall Loop Road and James Blvd. Follow-up callers stated the collision had only involved two vehicles, but one of the occupants of one of the vehicles involved was complaining of head pain and possible injury to their two-year old child.

With the assistance of Alaska State Troopers and Capital City Fire and Rescue personnel, JPD Officers were able to determine that the vehicles involved were a 2007 Gray Dodge Durango, driven by Katrina HOUSTON, 33-years of age and occupied by a 2-year-old child. Other vehicle was a 1998 Maroon Nissan Pathfinder, driven by Shellene HUTTER, 28-years of age.

The Dodge Durango had been at the James Blvd intersection, attempting to make a left turn onto Mendenhall Loop Road (towards direction of Mendenhall Glacier). The Nissan Pathfinder was in the left lane of Mendenhall Loop Road, proceeding in the direction of Egan Drive and approaching the James Blvd intersection.

HOUSTON told officers that a large truck had stopped or slowed in the right lane of Mendenhall Loop Road (proceeding towards Egan Drive), allowing her to start her left turn. As she crossed in front of oncoming traffic, the vehicle driven by HUTTER, struck HOUSTON's vehicle along the driver's side with its front end. Occupants in both vehicles had been seat belted. However, HOUSTON was complaining of possible head/neck pain. The child, who had been seated in an approved child-restraint seat, was uninjured.

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HOUSTON and the child were transported to Bartlett Regional Hospital ER for evaluation of her injuries. She was later cited by police for failure to yield to oncoming traffic, a violation. The Dodge Durango sustained approximately \$10,000 in damage and the Nissan Pathfinder was totaled. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

All factual allegations contained in this release are based upon preliminary investigation and are subject to change or clarification as the investigation continues. Any charges reported in this release are merely accusations and all persons named in this release are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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