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PRESS RELEASE

Date: October 15, 2007

Time: 2118 hours

Incident Title: Motor Vehicle Rollover-Fatality

Case Number: 07-21327

On Sunday, 10-14-07, at approximately 2118 hours, the Fairbanks Police Department responded to southbound Richardson Highway (3 Mile Gate) for a report of a single vehicle rollover.

Investigation revealed that a white Toyota Scion, Alaska License FDB780, was traveling southbound on the Richardson Highway at a high rate of speed. There was a report that the Toyota was possibly racing a black/dark colored vehicle. Witnesses reported the Toyota was traveling at a high rate of speed in the left (inside) lane and then switched into the right lane while maneuvering around other vehicles. The Toyota was then attempting to change back into the left lane when the left rear driver's side struck the front left (passenger) fender of a truck in this lane.

The Toyota spun sideways, flipped onto the roof initially, and rotated several times in the air prior to coming to a resting position in the median. During the loss of control, both the driver, Riley August BRAND, dob: 8-14-1991 and a 17 year old passenger, were ejected from the vehicle.

BRAND was pronounced deceased at the scene. His passenger was pinned under the vehicle during his ejection and transported to FMH for his injuries, where he was listed in satisfactory condition as of 10-15-07. Critical speed estimates (based on yaw marks) in this case showed the Toyota that BRAND was operating had been traveling at approximately 95 mph prior to losing control. The truck that had been struck was traveling at approximately 54 mph.

Fairbanks Police stopped BRAND and another darker colored vehicle on 9-9-07 for racing on the Steese Expressway. The reported speeds in that case exceeded 100 mph while in a construction zone, in which several vehicles were also passed. BRAND and another male were cited for Racing at that time and had future court dates. Investigation continues regarding this second vehicle and any possible involvement in this incident.

Anyone with information regarding a black or dark colored vehicle involved in this case or any other similar incident is encouraged to contact the Fairbanks Police at 450-6500.

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