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PRESS RELEASE

Date: 5-28-2008

Location: College Rd. near Danby St.

Incident: Hit and Run

Case #: 08-10148


On Wednesday May 28, 2008 at approximately 2111 hours, the Fairbanks Police Department was notified of an injury accident at College Road and Danby Street. Investigation revealed that a sixteen year old juvenile, while riding a bicycle, was struck by a black SUV. A witness stated that the juvenile's front tire slipped off the sidewalk and while falling into the roadway, the juvenile was struck from behind by the SUV.

The driver of the involved vehicle fled the scene prior to officers' arrival. A witness followed the vehicle and reported the location to the 911 operator, leading police to where the driver was apprehended.

Investigation revealed that the driver had been drinking, but not to the level of impairment required by state law to charge under the DUI law. The driver, Richard David Thies, DOB 7-27-1953, was arrested for *Leaving the Scene of an Injury Accident* and *Failing to Render Aid*. Thies was booked at the Fairbanks Correctional Center.

The juvenile was transported to FMH and subsequently flown to Anchorage for further treatment.

If anyone has information concerning this incident, please contact the Fairbanks Police Department Detective Division at 450-6500

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