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DATE & TIME **07/13/09 8:02 AM**

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Incident: **Traffic Accident at Perryville Road & Guilford Road**

MESSAGE

On July 10, 2009 at approximately 9:40 p.m., Officers were responding to a valid alarm. An officer was proceeding to the alarm with emergency equipment operating. As the Officer was eastbound on Guilford Road approaching Perryville Road the traffic control light was red. The officer stopped prior to entering the intersection in order to clear the intersection prior to continuing.

There were several motorcycles traveling southbound on Perryville Road approaching Guilford Road. Several of the motorcycles yielded to the emergency vehicle by stopping, except for one. The motorcycle being driven by Ricky A. Tapp continued southbound on Perryville possibly striking another motorcycle that had yielded prior to entering the intersection.

Tapp lost control of his motorcycle in the intersection of Guilford Road and Perryville Road. He and his passenger, Margaret M. Dahl were thrown from their motorcycle. They were both transported to St. Anthony's Hospital for medical treatment.

Tapp suffered from serious injuries. Dahl received life threatening injuries and is listed in critical condition.

Tapp has been charged with Driving under the Influence. The incident is still under investigation.

The defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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