



FAIRBANKS POLICE

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PRESS RELEASE

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DATE: January 1, 2017
INCIDENT: Motor Vehicle Collision-Fatality
VICTIM: Michaela R Kitelinger
CASE #: 17-0008

On January 1, 2017, at approximately 0655 hours, Fairbanks Police responded to a report of a Motor Vehicle Collision with injuries on Davis Road between Lathrop Street and Wilbur Street.

Officers and Fairbanks Fire paramedics arrived on the scene of a vehicle versus pedestrian collision. The pedestrian, MICHAELA R KITELINGER (DOB 2/13/1995) was transported to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital was pronounced deceased shortly after arriving.

The initial investigation revealed that KITELINGER was arrested by Fairbanks Police earlier that morning for DUI with a BRAC of .185 and remanded to the Fairbanks Correctional Center (FCC) at around 0500 hours. It is unknown what time she was released from custody.

Initial reports indicate that the driver of the vehicle was traveling eastbound on Davis Road on their way to work. KITELINGER, wearing dark clothing, was in the center of the road when they came upon her. The driver reported that they saw what appeared to be a person in the middle of the road and attempted to avoid the person. The driver was taken to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital for a blood draw but there is no indication that they were impaired.

A witness that was directly behind the driver reported that the vehicle reacted like it was trying to take evasive action to avoid a collision. There is no indication the driver was speeding and they have not been charged at this time. The case will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for review.

Anyone with further information regarding this incident should contact Officer Dave Elzey at delzey@fairbanks.us or 907-450-6454.

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