PRESS RELEASE

DATE: February 7, 2017
INCIDENT: Motor Vehicle Collision with Injuries
VICTIM: Juvenile
CASE #: 17-0381

Today at approximately 0839 hours, Fairbanks Police responded to a report of a Motor Vehicle Collision, vehicle versus pedestrian at 15th Avenue and Schaible Street.

Officers and Fairbanks Fire paramedics arrived on the scene. The juvenile that had been struck was conscious and able to relay contact information for his parents. The juvenile was transported by ambulance to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The initial investigation revealed that the juvenile was riding a small mini bike traveling West on 15th heading to Ryan Middle School. The driver of a 1999 Maroon Jeep Cherokee was traveling South on Schaible when the vehicle struck the juvenile. Immediately following the collision, the vehicle fled the scene dragging the mini bike to 21st Avenue.

Through further investigation officers were able to locate the vehicle and the driver.

HOWARD C MARTINEZ, DOB 11/30/76, was arrested and remanded at the Fairbanks Correctional Center for a felony charge after leaving the scene of a Motor Vehicle Collision which resulted in injuries.

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

The Fairbanks Police Department would like to thank the Fairbanks Fire Department, Lathrop High School, and the witnesses to this event for their help in this incident.

The Fairbanks Police Department encourages drivers to use extra caution in and around school zones or anywhere that there may be children present.

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