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Ceres Police Charging Two Juveniles in Fatal Accident February 14, 2011

On February 14, 2011, at approximately 3:15 am, officers responded to rollover vehicle collision at the 2600 block of River Road. When officers arrived on scene, they located a stolen Honda Accord on two wheels pinned against a city tree. The Accord had major damage, as the roof of the vehicle collapsed over the rear passenger compartment. Officers were able to identify two 15 year old unresponsive males trapped in the rear passenger compartment of the Accord that were confirmed deceased at the scene.

Officers detained two males, ages 15 and 16, who were in the area. It was determined that they were in the vehicle at the time of the collision and the 16 year old juvenile was identified as the driver. The Accord was later found to have been stolen out of Ceres.

The 16 year old juvenile is being charged with two counts of vehicular manslaughter and possession of a stolen vehicle. The 15 year old juvenile is being charged with possession of a stolen vehicle and conspiracy. Both juveniles were medically cleared and booked into Juvenile Hall.

The names of all involved will not be released due to them being juveniles. Anyone who was in the area at the time of the collision or has any information that could assist in the investigation is asked to contact Officer Trinidad Viramontes at (209) 538-5620.