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News Release

Incident # 15-130337 Date: 06/19/2015 Time of Incident: 2156 Township: 09 - Courtland
Type of Incident: Fatal Accident Location: 10 Mile Rd NE/Oakview Ave NE
Reporting Officer: Daigneault Assisting Departments: Courtland Fire, Rockford ALS
Release Completed By: Sgt. Cammenga

Fire ☐ Ambulance ☐ Helicopter ☐ Other Police Agencies ☐ Utilities etc. ☐

ALCOHOL Contributing Factor?

Y ☒ N ☐ UNK ☐

Vehicles

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Veh: 1 Make: Chevrolet Model: Tahoe Yr: 1998
Driver: Dawn Batchelder Age: 49
City: Grand Rapids Twp: Courtland State: MI
Injuries: None Seatbelt: Y ☒ N ☐ UNK ☐
Direction of Travel: W/B
Hospital: _____ Transport By: _____

Veh: 2 Make: Yamaha Model: Motorcycle Yr: 2007
Driver: Taylor Miedema Age: 23
City: Rockford Twp: Courtland State: MI
Injuries: Fatal Seatbelt: Y ☐ N ☒ UNK ☐
Helmet worn Direction of Travel: E/B
Hospital: _____ Transport By: _____

Relatives Notified NO Names Can Be Released YES

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Passengers

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KCSD Officers and Titles or Specialties

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:

On 6-19-15 at 2156 hours the Kent County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to the area of 10 Mile Rd NE/Oakview Ave NE in Courtland Township reference a fatal accident.

An eastbound 2007 Yamaha motorcycle being driven by Taylor Miedema collided with a westbound 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe being driven by Dawn Batchelder. Miedema was pronounced dead on the scene.

Alcohol is believed to be a factor and the investigation is ongoing. Courtland Fire and Rockford Ambulance assisted on scene.

Supervisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Should you need further information, you may contact the appropriate Division:

North Station: 632-6020
790 - 17 Mile Rd. NW, Kent City, MI 49330

South Station: 632-6490
8555 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Caledonia, MI 49316