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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: 08/11/2015

Complaint Number: 15-140756

Type of Incident: Serious personal injury accident

Reporting Officer: Deputy Chris Hawley

Supervisor Approval: Cammenga

On 8-11-15 at 1643 hours the Kent County Sheriff's Department, Algoma Fire, and Rockford Ambulance were dispatched to a serious injury accident involving a car and a motorcycle on Pine Island Dr. at the intersection with Indian Lakes Dr.

The investigation determined that Paige Towery, who was driving a 2000 black Pontiac Grand Prix north on Pine Island Dr., and was going to make a left hand turn onto Indian Lakes Rd. and turned on her turn signal. Jarrod Welch was driving a black 2002 Honda motorcycle north on Pine Island Dr. behind Paige Towery. Jarrod Welch attempted to pass Paige Towery's vehicle as she began to make the left hand turn. He struck the rear of her vehicle and was thrown off of his motorcycle.

Jarrod Welch, who was not wearing a helmet, suffered life threatening injuries as a result of the accident and was transported by Rockford Ambulance to Spectrum Downtown Hospital. The accident remains under investigation; however, alcohol may have been a contributing factor.