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MEDIA RELEASE
UPDATE
Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Thomas Gee, 86 years old, from Cedar Springs, the front seat passenger in the Silverado, has passed away. The crash is still under investigation

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Date: 2/21/16
Complaint Number: 16-108979
Type of Incident: Vehicle Crash with Injuries
Reporting Officer: Deputy Ryan Wheeler
Supervisor Approval: Sgt. Pete Gerkin

On 2/21/16 at 1736 hours Kent County Sheriff Deputies responded to a rollover vehicle crash with injuries at the intersection of 15 Mile Rd and Shaner Ave in Courtland Township.

The investigation revealed a 2008 Chevy Cobalt was eastbound on 15 Mile Rd and failed to stop at the stop sign at Shaner Ave. The Cobalt was struck by a 2008 Chevy Silverado that was traveling northbound on Shaner Ave and had the right of way. Both vehicles overturned. The Cobalt was driven by Nicole Grindel, a 44 year old female from Nelson Township. She was transported by Rockford Ambulance to Butterworth with life-threatening injuries.

The Silverado was driven by 58 year old Shirley Poeder of Greenville. She was transported by Rockford Ambulance to Butterworth with serious injuries. The front seat passenger in the Silverado was 86 year old Thomas Gee of Cedar Springs. He was transported by Rockford Ambulance with life-threatening injuries. The back seat passenger was 55 year old Emerson Gee of Cedar Springs who was also transported by ambulance with non-life threatening injuries.

Alcohol is not believed to be a factor. The accident remains under investigation.