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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: 5/14/15

Complaint Number: 16-123055

Type of Incident: Injury Accident

Reporting Officer: Deputy Scott Lesnar

Supervisor Approval: Sgt. Pete Gerkin

On 5/14/16 at 2100 hours the Kent County Sheriff's Office responded to an injury accident on Cascade Road at the 28th St. intersection in Cascade Township. Deputies located two vehicles with a total of four occupants all with injuries. The investigation revealed that a 2005 Pontiac Grand Prix was traveling eastbound in Cascade Road at a high rate of speed and struck a 2013 Chevrolet Equinox which had just turned eastbound on Cascade Road from 28th St.

The Pontiac was driven by 20 year old Colin Kerkstra of Wyoming, MI who was transported by Life Ambulance to Spectrum/Butterworth with serious injuries. His passenger was 17 year old Kylee Christian of Grand Rapids who was transported by Life Ambulance to Devos Children's Hospital also with serious injuries.

The Chevrolet was driven by 70 year old John Pierce of Lowell and his passenger was 72 year old Nancy Pierce also of Lowell. Both were transported by Life Ambulance to Spectrum/Blodgett with minor injuries.

Alcohol and speed are both believed to be factors in the crash which is still under investigation.