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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



DATE: 09/13/2016

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Fatal Accident

COMPLAINT NUMBER: 16-145339

REPORTING OFFICER: Deputy Dale Dekorte

SUPERVISOR APPROVAL: Sgt. Justin DeBoode

On Tuesday September 13, 2016, at approximately 6:43 AM, the Kent County Sheriff Department investigated a three car fatal accident at the intersection of Parnell Avenue NE and Bailey Drive NE in Vergennes Township.

The intersection of Parnell Avenue and Bailey Drive is a two way stop sign intersection. Traffic along Parnell Avenue is required to stop by posted stop signs. Traffic along Bailey Avenue is not required to stop.

Preliminary investigation revealed that an Oldsmobile Intrigue, driven by a 62 year old Ada Township man, was traveling northbound on Parnell Avenue. Witnesses reported that the driver of the Oldsmobile did stop at the stop sign on Parnell Ave at Bailey Drive before proceeding into the intersection failing to yield for east and west bound traffic along Bailey Drive. The Oldsmobile was struck in the driver's side door by a 2011 Ford E250 Van, driven by a 39 year old male from Grand Rapids. Both vehicles continued into the westbound travel lanes of Bailey Drive where the Oldsmobile was struck head-on by a 2012 Jeep Laredo, driven by a 24 year old from Lowell.

The driver of the Oldsmobile Intrigue was pronounced deceased at the scene.

A passenger in the Ford Van was transported med 1 to Butterworth Hospital by Rockford Ambulance for non-life threatening injuries.