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Media Release

Incident Date: 03/21/2010
Incident Time: 20:26 hours
Incident Location: Area of 198-North Raymond Road, Raymond
Release Date: 03/21/2010
Release Time: 23:00 HOURS

Incident Synopsis:

On the listed date and time, Cumberland County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the area of 198 Raymond Hill Road, in the Town of Raymond, on a serious motor vehicle accident. According to a witness, two vehicles appeared to have been involved in a possible drag racing incident at the time the accident occurred. One of the vehicles, a Volkswagen sedan left the road and struck a culvert causing the vehicle to catapult through the air and flip over. A subject was ejected from the vehicle and landed on a near-by stone wall. The second vehicle involved in the drag racing incident fled the scene after the accident.

The victim was transported to the Maine Medical Center via Raymond Fire/Rescue personnel and his current condition is critical. He has been identified as Nicholas R. Leone (23 years of age) a resident of Gray, Maine.

It appears at this time in the investigation that speed, possibly alcohol and failing to wear a seat belt may have been contributing factors in the crash. The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Accident Reconstruction Team is investigating the incident.

This is the third accident of this nature in the past week, the second in the past 24 hours. Speed, alcohol and failing to wear seat belts appear to be a common thread in all of the incidents.

Anyone having information regarding the accident is urged to contact the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office at 774-1444 ext. 2112 or 2222.

For more information: Captain Jeff Davis
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