



VALLEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Press Release

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MAJOR INJURY VEHICLE COLLISION

On March 18, 2008, at approximately 1:22 AM, Vallejo Police officers responded to a solo vehicle injury collision at the intersection of Lemon Street and Derr Street. The driver of a 1965 Chevrolet pickup truck was traveling westbound on a Lemon Street at a high rate of speed. The vehicle left the roadway and came to rest on a set of railroad tracks west of Derr Street. The driver of the Chevrolet, a 20 year old Pittsburg resident, sustained minor injuries and was treated at a local hospital. The passenger of the Chevrolet, a 21 year old Fresno resident, sustained major life threatening injuries and was transported by helicopter to a nearby trauma center.

Preliminarily, it appears that the Chevrolet was traveling at a high rate of speed when it left the roadway, flipped and/or rolled across several sets of railroad tracks. Alcohol appears to be a contributing factor and the driver of the Chevrolet was arrested for driving under the influence causing injuries.

The identity of the involved parties is being withheld pending notification of family members.

This collision is still under investigation. If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please contact Officer Michael Nichelini at the Vallejo Police Department Traffic Division (707) 648-4329.