



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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On 3-10-13 at about 5am EPD Officers were dispatched to the intersection of Buhne and "I" streets on the report of a traffic collision. Upon arrival Officers discovered that all three lanes of "I" street were blocked with debris that included an overhead signal light pole, wooden fencing from a near by residence, exposed signal light wires and vehicle fluids / debris. Officers also saw that the vehicle ran over a chain link fence, then entered the grassy field at Carson Park and collided with a large tree knocking it over.

The suspect vehicle / Driver fled the scene leaving a fluid trail that headed westbound on Buhne. Debris at the scene suggested that the suspect vehicle was possibly a Dodge truck.

While Officers were following the fluid trail a female called the Police Department and stated that she was driving through the intersection when another vehicle ran a red light causing her to swerve and crash into the pole. She said that she followed this unknown vehicle to Wabash and "E" where her vehicle stalled.

Officers responded to Wabash and "E" streets where they contacted the suspected driver and the heavily damaged Dodge truck. Based on numerous inconsistent statements Officers believed that she was not being truthful. When confronted with this she told Officers that her boyfriend was driving at the time of the collision. Officers were unable to locate the boyfriend, but determined that his driver's license was suspended. He has yet to be contacted.

The Dodge truck was impounded, and towed from the scene. It is believed that there was no other vehicle involved, but Officers are still investigating.

This collision is still under investigation. Therefore, the names of the involved parties will not be released at this time as to not jeopardize the integrity of the on going investigation. Anyone who might have witnessed the collision or has any information regarding this collision is asked to contact Officer LaFrance at the Eureka Police Department by calling 441-4060.



Buhne and "I"





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