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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Subject: Street racing traffic collision**

**On December 15<sup>th</sup> at approximately 6:43 PM the Eureka Police Department and Humboldt Bay Firefighters responded to the intersection of Del Norte and I St for a report of an injury traffic collision. Upon arriving at the scene emergency personnel found a 2007 Chevy Malibu and 2001 Toyota Tacoma that were involved in the collision. Parties from both vehicles were transported to the hospital for treatment of injuries. A passenger from the Chevy Malibu was listed as being in critical condition, due to severe injuries sustained in the collision.**

**Witnesses to the collision reported that the male juvenile driver of the Toyota Tacoma was engaged in an illegal drag race with the female juvenile driver of a red Toyota Corolla just before the collision. Witnesses estimated the speeds of the vehicles to be between 50 and 70 mph northbound on I St. The Chevy Malibu was traveling westbound on Del Norte across I St and was broadsided by the Toyota Tacoma at what appeared to be a high rate of speed. The collision caused the Tacoma to roll over as it continued north on I St and caused the Malibu to collide with a retaining wall at the intersection.**

**It appears that dangerous speeds (racing) were a major factor in this collision, however alcohol and/or drug influence on the part of the racers has not been ruled out. The investigation into this collision is ongoing.**

**Any witnesses to the collision are asked to call Traffic Officer Tim Jones at 441.4109.**

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