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## Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE- July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Traffic Pursuit- Case 23-1698

DATE: July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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On 07/03/2023 at approximately 12:00pm, Wasilla Police attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a gold Jeep Grand Cherokee bearing AK Plate 'GKN527' for running a solid red light at E Parks Highway and N Lucille Street. The vehicle failed to yield and drove outbound on Knik Goose Bay Road. The driver accelerated to dangerous speeds and drove recklessly into the oncoming lanes of travel on Knik Goose Bay Road.

The pursuit ended when the vehicle crashed into the wood line near Partch Drive on Knik Goose Bay Road, at which point the driver and passengers fled from the vehicle. One passenger, identified as William Boardman, age 49 of Wasilla, was found with illegal substances on his person and was charged with Misconduct Involving Controlled Substances in the 4<sup>th</sup> degree. The other passenger was released from the scene.

After a successful track by Officer Buzzard and K9 Officer Echo the driver was located hiding out inside an unsecured garage of a residence on Kertulla Court and arrested. The driver was identified as William Eslick, age 30 of Wasilla. Eslick was remanded to Mat-Su Pretrial on several charges including multiple counts of Assault, Eluding and Criminal Trespass. Additional criminal charges may be pending. Eslick was also found to have 3 outstanding misdemeanor warrants.

No injuries were reported by the driver or passengers as a result of the suspect vehicle's collision into the wood line.

The Wasilla Police Department is asking anyone who was driving on Knik Goose Bay Road between the Parks Highway and Partch Drive at the time of the incident and had to take evasive action to avoid a collision with Eslick to contact Officer Miller at 907-352-5428.

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