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Press Release:

C&O 24-62407 Disturbance and 24-62051 Fatal Crash

Sent by: Lt. Matt Lennick

This release is regarding information for both C&O 24-62051 a disturbance at Broadwater and 29th Street West and 24-62051, a fatal crash which occurred in the intersection of Broadwater and 24th Street West involving a total of three vehicles. These two cases are related.

On September 13, 2024 at 6:54 pm Officers with the Billings Police Department were responding to an in progress disturbance in a parking lot at Broadwater and 29th Street West. As an Officer pulled into the parking lot the suspect fled in a vehicle traveling on the sidewalk and grass of the establishment located on this corner and onto Broadwater Avenue traveling east bound at a high rate of speed.

A second Officer who was responding to the initial disturbance observed the vehicle traveling on the grass and sidewalk and turned around in an attempt to catch up to the vehicle to initiate a traffic stop. This Officer was in approximately the 2600 block of Broadwater when the suspect entered into the intersection at 24th and struck a vehicle that was traveling northbound on 24th Street West. These vehicles then struck a third vehicle, which was stopped at the traffic light facing west bound.

The suspect then got out of his vehicle and fled on foot. Officers responding to the initial disturbance and crash gave chase on foot. The suspect was caught and arrested in the 1800 block of Wyoming Avenue. The suspect is identified as Ricky Buchanan, a 32 year old male. The suspect's official charges will be updated when they are available.

The vehicle traveling north on 24th Street West was occupied by two individuals who sustained life threatening injuries and were both pronounced deceased on scene. The vehicle stopped at the stop light was occupied by four individuals, all of which were transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The BPD crash team was called to the scene and took over the investigation. At the time of this release all of the lanes at the intersection of Broadwater and 24th Street West are closed. A social media update will be put out when the intersection is opened.

The BPD would like to thank the Billings Fire Department, Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office, and AMR for their response and assistance in this investigation.

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