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Media Release

Date/Time of Release: October 4th, 2021 at 1:00 PM

Date of Incident Occurrence: October 2nd, 2021 at 4:22 AM

Nature of Event: Motor Vehicle Accident- Update

Location of Event Occurrence Lake Ave. and Metcalf Dr. Auburn, NY

Media Release Written By: *Det. Sean DeRosa*

On October 2nd, 2021 at 4:22 AM the Auburn Police Department and Auburn Fire Department were dispatched to a report of a physical injury motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Lake Ave. and Metcalf Dr. Upon arrival police found a four door, tan colored Hyundai had collided with a tree near the intersection. The operator of the motor vehicle and the one passenger in the vehicle were pronounced dead at the scene by EMTs from the injuries sustained in the accident.

Police have identified the victims in the motor vehicle accident and have notified their next of kin. The victims were 33 year old Justin A. Bell (driver) and 29 year old (passenger) Courtney Monet Reed. Both were newer residents of Auburn. The investigation has revealed that excessive speed was a contributing factor to the accident. The investigation is still ongoing and will update with further developments when available.

If anyone has information in regards to the accident, they can contact Detective Sean DeRosa at 315-255-4706 or sderosa@auburnny.gov. Callers can remain anonymous.