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PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

POLICE INVESTIGATE TWO VEHICLE HEAD-ON COLLOSION

The Roseville Police Department and Minnesota State Patrol are investigating a two vehicle head on collision that occurred near the intersection of Fairview and Roselawn Avenues at 12:04 p.m. today.

According to witnesses, 2008 silver in color Audi A6 suddenly left the roadway while traveling east bound on Highway 36 at it approached Fairview Avenue. The Audi traveled down a steep embankment, crashed through a chain link fence onto southbound Fairview Avenue. Once on Fairview, the Audi struck the concrete divider that divides the north and south bound lanes. The Audi accelerated south on Fairview Avenue at over 100 mph passing other lunchtime commuter traffic.

As the speeding Audi approached Roselawn Avenue, it passed a line of vehicles waiting for their turn to pass through this 4-way stop sign controlled intersection.

Physical evidence found at the scene indicates the Audi struck a north bound black 2016 Ford Escape head on approximately 300 feet north of Roselawn Avenue. The Audi impacted the Ford with such force; the Ford was literally pushed back to the intersection it had just cleared.

St. Anthony Police Officers were the first on scene and rendered aid to both drivers.

Both drivers suffered substantial bodily injuries and were transported by ambulance to Hennepin County Medical Center for treatment.

The driver of the Audi has been identified as a 49-year old male from Oakdale and the driver of the Ford has been identified as a 63-year old male from St. Paul. Police will not be identifying names of the drivers until their respective family members have been notified.

Because of the severe bodily injuries suffered by both drivers, the Minnesota State Patrol has agreed to assist with this investigation and reconstruct the crash.

The Roselawn and Fairview Avenues intersection was just reopened moments ago.

This crash investigation is in its preliminary stage with more follow-up in coming days and weeks.

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