



**FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL  
MEDIA RELEASE  
TALLAHASSEE REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**



04/01/2009  
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EAST BAY BLVD AND MOSSY OAKS DRIVE  
LOCATION OF INCIDENT

SANTA ROSA  
COUNTY

VEHICLE # <b>1</b>	1996	FORD	SUV	\$ 8000	ALCOHOL RELATED?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Pend <input type="checkbox"/>
	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	DAMAGE	SEATBELT / HELMET IN USE?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
DRIVER: <u>JOSEPH R. STEWART</u>	<u>26</u>	CITY / STATE OF RESIDENCE <u>NAVARRE, FL</u>				
	NAME	AGE				
INJURIES: NONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MINOR <input type="checkbox"/> SERIOUS <input type="checkbox"/> CRITICAL <input type="checkbox"/> FATAL <input type="checkbox"/>	HOSPITAL <u>N/A</u>					
PASSENGER: <u>N/A</u>	<u></u>	CITY / STATE OF RESIDENCE <u></u>				
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						RELATIVE NOTIFIED? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

VEHICLE # <b>2</b>	1996	CHEV	2DR	\$ 8000	ALCOHOL RELATED?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Pend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	DAMAGE	SEATBELT / HELMET IN USE?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DRIVER: <u>BARTHOLOMEW R COLE</u>	<u>25</u>	CITY / STATE OF RESIDENCE <u>GULF BREEZE, FL</u>				
	NAME	AGE				
INJURIES: NONE <input type="checkbox"/> MINOR <input type="checkbox"/> SERIOUS <input type="checkbox"/> CRITICAL <input type="checkbox"/> FATAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HOSPITAL <u>SACRED HEART M.E.</u>					
PASSENGER: <u>JENNIFER R. COLE</u>	<u>25</u>	CITY / STATE OF RESIDENCE <u>GULF BREEZE, FL</u>				
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INJURIES: NONE <input type="checkbox"/> MINOR <input type="checkbox"/> SERIOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRITICAL <input type="checkbox"/> FATAL <input type="checkbox"/>	HOSPITAL <u>BAPTIST HOSPITAL</u>					SEATBELT / HELMET IN USE? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
						RELATIVE NOTIFIED? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

PEDESTRIAN: <u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	CITY / STATE OF RESIDENCE <u>N/A</u>				
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CHARGES: DUI MANSLAUGHTER, DUI SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, DUI PROPERTY DAMAGE, VEHICLE MANSLAUGHTER

**NARRATIVE:**  
V-1 was traveling east in the eastbound traffic lane of East Bay Boulevard and was approaching the intersection of Mossy Oaks Drive. V-1 was also approaching the rear of V-2. V-2 was traveling east in the eastbound traffic lane of East Bay Boulevard and was at the intersection of Mossy Oaks Drive. V-2 was preparing to make a left turn onto northbound Mossy Oaks Drive. As V-1 approached the rear of V-2, V-2 had begun turning left within the intersection to travel north on Mossy Oaks Drive. The driver of V-1 applied the brakes to V-1 and veered to the left to avoid a collision with V-2. The front of V-1 struck the left rear side of V-2 in the westbound traffic lane of East Bay Boulevard. V-1 continued traveling in a northeasterly direction and came to final rest facing northeast, partially in the westbound traffic lane of East Bay Boulevard and on the westbound shoulder. V-2 rotated counterclockwise, traveling in a northeasterly direction and came to final rest on the westbound shoulder of East Bay Boulevard. The driver of V-2, Bartholomew R. Cole was pronounced as deceased on the scene of this crash by Life Guard Paramedic Supervisor Gerald Ward at 3:22 P.M.  
According to witnesses the driver of V-1 was fleeing from the scene of a previous traffic crash that he was involved in on Highway 98, prior to this fatal crash.  
The driver of V-1 was placed under arrest at the scene of this crash and was booked into the Santa Rosa County Jail under a \$160,000.00 bond.

CPL. MATT FREEMAN  
CRASH INVESTIGATOR  
Sgt. R.L. Padgett

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CPL. JOHNNY FREEMAN  
HOMICIDE INVESTIGATOR  
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**ADDITIONAL PASSENGER SECTION**

VEH#	2	PASS#	2	NAME	19	CITY / STATE OF RESIDENCE
				JOEL E. RODRIGUEZ	AGE	GULF BREEZE, FL
				NAME	AGE	CITY / STATE OF RESIDENCE
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GULF BREEZE PKWY (SR30) & NANTAHALA BCH RD  
LOCATION OF INCIDENT

SANTA ROSA  
COUNTY

VEHICLE # <b>1</b>	1996 YEAR	FORD MAKE	SUV MODEL	\$ 1000 DAMAGE	ALCOHOL RELATED? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Pend <input type="checkbox"/>
DRIVER: JOSEPH R. STEWART NAME	26 AGE	NAVARRE FL CITY / STATE OF RESIDENCE			
INJURIES: NONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MINOR <input type="checkbox"/> SERIOUS <input type="checkbox"/> CRITICAL <input type="checkbox"/> FATAL <input type="checkbox"/>					HOSPITAL _____
PASSENGER: NONE NAME _____ AGE _____ CITY / STATE OF RESIDENCE _____					SEATBELT / HELMET IN USE? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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VEHICLE # <b>2</b>	2003 YEAR	HOND MAKE	VAN MODEL	\$ 1000 DAMAGE	ALCOHOL RELATED? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pend <input type="checkbox"/>
DRIVER: WENDY L GUNTER NAME	39 AGE	NAVARRE FL CITY / STATE OF RESIDENCE			
INJURIES: NONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MINOR <input type="checkbox"/> SERIOUS <input type="checkbox"/> CRITICAL <input type="checkbox"/> FATAL <input type="checkbox"/>					HOSPITAL _____
PASSENGER: MICHAEL GUNTER NAME _____ AGE UK _____ CITY / STATE OF RESIDENCE NAVARRE FL					SEATBELT / HELMET IN USE? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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CHARGES: PENDING

**NARRATIVE:**  
 Vehicle 1 was traveling East on Gulf Breeze Pkwy in the outside through lane approaching Nantahala Beach Rd. Vehicle 2 was stationary at the red traffic signal at Nantahala Beach Rd, facing East and on Gulf Breeze Pkwy in the outside through lane. V1 approached V2 from the rear. V1's left front impacted V2's right rear. V1 then traveled around V2's right side and entered both eastbound lanes of Gulf Breeze Pkwy and fled the scene.  
 Driver 1 fled the scene with V1 prior to my arrival.  
 V1/D1 was subsequently involved in another crash on East Bay Blvd (CR399) & Mossy Oaks Dr FHPA09OFF012978 which resulted in a fatality.  
  
**CHARGES ARE PENDING**

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CRASH INVESTIGATOR  
Lt S R Preston  
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