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“Motor Vehicle Crash Results In Serious Injury”

On September 28, 2011 at approximately 8:13 a.m., officers responded to the intersection of NC Hwy 43 North & NC Hwy 55 West for a 3 car motor vehicle crash involving a vehicle rollover with an entrapment. When officers arrived on scene they located a 2011 Honda Accord and a 2006 Volkswagen Passat in the intersection. A 1997 Ford Explorer had traveled through the intersection and came to rest on it's left side on NC Hwy 55 West. The New Bern Fire Department & Carolina East Emergency Medical Services Paramedics were immediately dispatched to the scene to assist with extrication.

CarolinaEast Medical Center EMS transported the driver of the 2006 Volkswagen Passat, **Ethan OLMSTEAD, DOB 09/10/1979** and the passenger **Christina FIGUEORA, DOB 07/02/1991 both of 1825 Streets Ferry Road, Vanceboro NC**, to CarolinaEast Medical Center, where they both were evaluated and treated for non-life threatening injuries.

CarolinaEast Medical Center EMS also transported the driver 1997 Ford Explorer, **Mable MEWBORN B DOB 02/27/1951 of 2204 Aycock Ave in New Bern NC** to Carolina East Medical Center where she was also evaluated and treated for non-life threatening injuries.

According to witnesses the 1997 Ford Explorer, driven by **MEWBORN** entered the intersection while a steady red light was emitting. The 2006 Volkswagen Passat and the 2011 Honda Accord both had the right of way and entered into the intersection. The 2006 Volkswagen Passat struck the 1997 Ford Explorer first and then the 2011 Honda Accord. When the Ford Explorer was struck, it traveled through the intersection coming to rest on its left side.

MEWBORN was cited for entering an intersection while emitting a steady red light.

The New Bern Police Department is committed to Community Policing. Citizens are encouraged to become a “**Partner in Policing**,” by reporting suspected illegal activity to the New Bern Police Department’s **TIPS** line at **(252) 636-5034** or the Craven County Crime Stoppers line at 633-5141.

For additional information, please contact Lt. Linda T. Godette, Public Information Officer at the New Bern Police Department at (252) 672-4196.

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