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UPDATE TO FATAL VEHICLE ACCIDENT

Alejandro Jesus Saavedra has been arrested for Criminal Vehicular Homicide with regards to the fatal crash that occurred in Burnsville on Saturday, April 9. Saavedra, age 21 of Farmington, was driving the vehicle that crashed resulting in the death of Sydney Kohner, age 16 of Rosemount. The crash also injured Carmen Braun, age 15 of Rosemount.

Additional information about Saavedra's case – including charging decisions – will be determined and released by the Dakota County Attorney's Office.

Background

At approximately 6:26 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, the Burnsville Police and Fire departments responded to a single-vehicle accident with severe injuries. The vehicle was driving near the intersection of Nicollet Boulevard and Grand Avenue.

Prior to the accident, the Burnsville Police Department was investigating a noise complaint from the Best Western Premier Nicollet Inn (14201 Nicollet Ave.). When officers arrived, they noticed three people get into a vehicle and flee the parking lot at a high rate of speed. Officers later located the vehicle after it had crashed, and believed the crash victims to be same people who had left the hotel.

Burnsville firefighter/paramedics treated the victims at the scene. One victim, Kohner, was pronounced dead at the scene. Ambulances from the Burnsville Fire Department and Allina transported Braun and Saavedra to the Hennepin County Medical Center with severe injuries.

The Minnesota State Patrol is assisting with the accident investigation.

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