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**** Media Advisory ****

Wichita teen dies in car crash on E. Lincoln

A 16-year-old Southeast High student received fatal injuries on Thursday, February 25th in a one-vehicle crash on East Lincoln near Fabrique Street.

Shortly after 11:33 a.m. Wichita Police officers were called to the scene of a collision between a gray 1995 Chrysler LHS and tree. Investigators determined the vehicle had been traveling eastbound on Lincoln next to a 2006 Lincoln Navigator when the driver of the Chrysler lost control of the vehicle and it struck the tree.

Following the collision, a 16-year-old girl riding in the front seat of the Chrysler was in the process of exiting the car when the driver tried to move the vehicle. The open front passenger door of the Chrysler struck the girl causing her to fall beneath the car where she received fatal injuries. She is identified as 16-year-old Yadira Villa of Wichita.

A short time before the crash, some occupants of both the Chrysler and the Navigator had been involved in a brief fight near Southeast High School. After the altercation, some of those engaged in the fight and their acquaintances got into the two vehicles and left the scene. Investigators learned that a short time after they left the driver of the Chrysler attempted to run the Navigator off the road. Soon after that incident the Chrysler crashed.

Both the 16-year-old male driver of the Chrysler and the 16-year-old male driver of the Navigator were arrested and taken to the Youth Residence Hall.

The case will be presented to the District Attorney's Office next week. The Wichita Police Department's investigation into the incident continues.

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