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** Media Advisory **

Pedestrian Killed in North Wichita Crash

One person was killed and another injured following a vehicle-pedestrian crash in north Wichita Saturday evening.

At approximately 9:55 p.m. on April 3, 2009 Wichita Police officers responded to the scene of an injury crash involving a pedestrian in the 1100 block of N. Cleveland. When they arrived they discovered two people had been struck by one or both of two vehicles that appeared to be traveling at a high rate of speed just prior to the crash. One of the pedestrians, 25-year-old Robert F. Ryder of Wichita, died at the scene. The other, a 39-year-old man who lives at the same address as the other victim, was taken to a local hospital in critical condition.

The investigation has determined that prior to the crash a maroon 1992 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme and another vehicle, possibly a primer-gray Monte Carlo, had been traveling at a high rate of speed southbound on Cleveland from 13th Street. Detectives have learned the two cars apparently turned around in the 1100 block of N. Cleveland and were traveling northbound at a high rate of speed when the Oldsmobile struck the 25-year-old man killing him. Investigators are trying to learn whether the 39-year-old man was struck by the Oldsmobile or the other car.

Following the collision the 55-year-old driver of the Oldsmobile returned to the scene and approached officers about the crash. He was taken into custody and booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility. The investigation into the incident continues.

Anyone with any information about the other vehicle should call either the Accident Follow-up Unit at 316-268-4167 or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS.

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