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Stolen Vehicle, Multiple Vehicle Motor Vehicle Crash

Niles, IL – On November 8, 2018 at approximately 10:07 A.M. the Niles Police Department responded to the intersection of Oconto Avenue and Oakton Street for a motor vehicle crash just occurred. Niles Police Officers arrived on scene approximately 2 minutes after being dispatched. Upon arrival, Niles Police Officers learned that a total of 6 vehicles were involved in the crash. During their investigation, Niles Officers learned that the driver of one of the vehicles (described as a Maroon colored Volkswagen SUV) was traveling Northbound on Oconto Avenue and disregarded the stop sign at the intersection of Oconto Avenue and Oakton Street. This action caused the maroon Volkswagen to strike a Chrysler 300 which was being driven by a 69 year old from Skokie, Illinois. That collision then caused a chain reaction of multiple collisions inside the intersection with other vehicles. Other vehicles involved in the crash are a Chevrolet Trailblazer which was driven by a 57 year old from Elk Grove Village, a Mercury Grand Marquis which was driven by a 67 year old from Chicago, a Ford Tow Truck driven by a 49 year old from Evanston and a Mercedes-Benz driven by a 33 year old from Park Ridge, Illinois.

After all the vehicles came to a rest from the crash, the maroon Volkswagen was located resting on its side with the occupants still inside. Bystanders then pushed together to flip the vehicle back on its tires. Further investigation on scene by Niles Police Officers determined the maroon Volkswagen had been recently reported stolen from Chicago, Illinois. All three occupants, who are juveniles were later taken into custody pending investigation.

On scene, 5 people involved in the crash were transported to nearby hospitals for traffic crash related injuries. 2 people were transported to Lutheran General Hospital, 2 were transported to Skokie Hospital, and 1 was transported to Glenbrook Hospital. The three juveniles that were taken into custody are included in these medical transports.

Conditions of the 2 passengers (16 year old male from Schiller Park, Illinois and a 17 year old female from Chicago, Illinois) of the maroon Volkswagen are good and stable. They are being treated at Glenbrook Hospital.

The driver, a 17 year old male from Franklin Park, Illinois is listed in critical but stable condition at Lutheran General Hospital.

This investigation is still ongoing and no official charges have yet been brought against anyone involved in this incident.