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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On December 24, 2009, at approximately 8:30 PM, police units responded to the area of Elm St. and Rte. 28 for a motor vehicle accident. Officer Karl Baptiste, first to arrive on scene, reported serious injuries. A black Jeep Cherokee, also involved in the accident, had fled the scene.

Within minutes, Sgt. Kevin Walsh located the Jeep to the side of the Mill Pond Diner on Rte. 28. The vehicle had sustained heavy front driver side damage. Sgt. Walsh noticed that the hood of the vehicle was hot to the touch and it appeared as though the vehicle had just been parked.

Sgt. Walsh found the operator of the motor vehicle, identified as Carlos J. Owen, 51, from Bourne, MA. in the area of the Mill Pond Diner. Mr. Owen was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of alcohol. This was Mr. Owen's sixth offense. He was also charged with OUI, serious bodily injury, negligent operation and leaving the scene of an accident after causing personal injury.

Mr. Owen struck a motor vehicle being operated by Martha Ramsey, 47, of Onset, MA. Her vehicle was struck from behind, injuring Mrs. Ramsey and two of her passengers. One of the passengers, John Knowlton, 27, from Onset, MA was taken to Mass General Hospital by a Med Flight helicopter. Wareham EMS and Wareham Fire departments assisted at the scene.

Bail was set at \$5,000.00 cash

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