



OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE
KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: 05/15/2017
Complaint Number: 17-222738
Type of Incident: Personal Injury Accident
Reporting Officer: Deputy T. Poirer
Supervisor Approval: Sergeant Eric Rakow

On 05/15/2017 at approximately 0530 the Kent County Sheriff's Office responded to a personal injury accident on Thornapple River Dr. south of 68th ST in Caledonia Township. A white Toyota FJ, driven by a 21 year old Caledonia Township resident, was northbound on Thornapple River Dr. The vehicle left the roadway, drove into a cemetery, over several headstones, and stopped when it hit a tree. The driver was transported by ambulance to Spectrum Hospital. The 21 year old passenger, from East Lansing, was transported by ambulance to Metro Hospital. Both occupants suffered non-life threatening injuries. The Sheriff's Office was assisted by Caledonia Fire/Recue and Life Ambulance personnel. Alcohol may have been a factor.

The cemetery is owned and maintained by Caledonia Township. The township clerk was made aware of the damage to the headstones. The damaged headstones dated back to the 1800's.

The accident remains under investigation and names are not being released at this time.