

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION RELEASE**

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WASHINGTON COUNTY ATTORNEY DOUG JOHNSON

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### **22 YEAR OLD CHARGED WIT FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO UNDERAGE DRIVE WHO WAS CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL VEHICULAR HOMICIDE**

Washington County Attorney Doug Johnson announced that his office has charged Brandon John Hedlund (DOB 4/22/1988) with one felony count of Furnishing Alcohol to a Person under 21 Years of Age and that person became intoxicated and caused the death of another as a result of the intoxication.

On January 28, 2010, Hedlund was asked by his 19 year old girlfriend, Alicia Rae Hauptert (DOB 2/19/1990), to purchase alcohol for her and her two friends, Trisha Lea Hughes (DOB 8/21/1989) and Andrea Zimmerman. Hedlund admitted to purchasing a bottle of vodka with the \$20 Hauptert had given him. The three young women met Hedlund in the Cub Foods parking lot in Stillwater in Washington County. Hedlund stated Hauptert give him the money and he went into the Cub Foods Liquor Store where he purchased a bottle of Smirnoff vodka. He came back out to the parking lot and gave Hauptert the alcohol. Hedlund said he knew his girlfriend and her two friends were not of legal drinking age.

Trisha Hughes told Minnesota State Patrol Trooper Kallinoff that she, Zimmerman and Hauptert drank the entire bottle of vodka that Hedlund had purchased for Hauptert. Hughes said she had 7 to 8 shots of vodka and that Hauptert drank more than she did. She told Trooper Kalinoff that they stayed at a friend's house that night in Marine on the St. Croix.

The next morning, January 29, 2010, the Minnesota State Patrol was called to respond to a vehicle crash at 8:28 a.m. near Highway 95 and 144<sup>th</sup> Street North in May Township. Trooper Kalinoff found a passenger vehicle in the ditch on the west side of the highway with severe damage. It appeared the car struck a power pole. Trooper Dauffenbach was also at the scene and determined that there were three people in the car at the time of the accident. One person was trapped inside and the other two were in an ambulance. Those individuals were Alicia Rae Hauptert and Trisha Lea Hughes. Both sustained minor injuries in the crash. Emergency workers had to remove Andrea Zimmerman from the back seat of the car. Medical personnel at the scene determined that she was deceased. Hauptert admitted to being the driver, which was



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confirmed by Hughes. Hauptert smelled of alcohol and was given a preliminary breath test at the scene which indicated that she had an alcohol concentration of .108. Hauptert admitted that she stopped drinking at approximately midnight. She also said that she and her friends had gone to another house and fell asleep around 4:00 a.m. Hauptert stated she left that house at approximately 8:00 a.m. to go to work. She did not remember how much she had to drink the night before.

Hauptert was charged on February 1, 2010, with one count of Criminal Vehicular Homicide which resulted in the death of Andrea Zimmerman. Bail has been set at \$40,000.

“People don’t think it’s a big deal when they buy liquor for minors. In this case, someone died as a result of Mr. Hedlund’s irresponsible actions. Now he is looking at having a felony conviction” said Johnson.

Hedlund was arrested yesterday in Somerset, Wisconsin and is being held in the St. Croix County Jail until he is extradited to Minnesota.

A copy of the complaint is attached. For further information, please contact Doug Johnson or Susan Harris at the Washington County Attorney’s Office, 651-430-6115.