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## PRESS RELEASE

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On Wednesday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at approximately 3:41 AM the Milton Police Department observed a vehicle traveling south on Herrick Avenue in the Town of Milton. Upon seeing the Police Cruiser the vehicle took off at a high rate of speed and continued through a stop sign at Herrick Avenue and Barnum Street at a high rate of speed, and then made a left hand turn onto Barnum Street.

The vehicle then continued east on Barnum Street at a high rate of speed while the Officer attempted to catch up and stop the vehicle.

At the intersection of Barnum and Railroad Street the vehicle failed to stop at the stop sign, and attempted to make a left turn onto Railroad Street.

The 1999 Buick Regal subsequently crashed into the ditch on Railroad Street, it continued eastbound where it demolished a New England Central Railroad control box, and subsequently rolled onto its passenger side coming to rest on the train tracks.

Nicolas C. Means, 19, of Milton was identified as the operator, and was cited for DUI, other charges are pending. His passengers were identified as Skott Goodemote, 18, of Burlington and Christopher Gelinas, 19, of Milton. All three had been consuming alcohol. Goodemote and Gelinas were issued paperwork to attend Court Diversion as this is their first offense drinking underage.

All three were wearing their seatbelts and none of the occupants suffered injuries despite the severity of the crash.

Alcohol and Speed are considered factors in this crash.

The Milton Police Department was assisted by the Milton Fire and Rescue Departments.

The criminal portion of this case is being investigated by Officer Bosworth, while the accident is being investigated by Officer Porter.

A photo of the accident is available upon request.

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