

NATURE: VEHICLE CRASH

DATE: 03/03/2017 @ 2047 Hours

LOCATION: RT 127 adjacent to Lori Lane

CASE: 17BU005197

On the listed date and time Burlington Police were dispatched to a report of a motor vehicle crash on Lori Lane in the New North End. Responding officers discovered that the crash had not occurred on Lori Lane but rather on RT 127.

The investigation found that a group of high school aged people had left a BHS basketball game with plans to travel to a location in Colchester. The group left in two separate cars and once on the Rt 127 one of the operators attempted to overtake the other car in their group. At this time it is unclear if the cars attempted to race one another or if the operator of the passing vehicle simply lost control due to the speed, this is a point of investigation which is underway. What is clear, is the fact that the 2007 Toyota Corolla which attempted to overtake the other involved car was occupied by five young adults, with an unlicensed 15 year old male at the wheel. This operator lost control of the vehicle and it left the travel portion of RT 127 and rolled over multiple times before coming to rest at the bottom of a steep embankment. Occupants of the crashed vehicle fled the area in their travel companions vehicle, while other occupants of the crashed vehicle remained on scene.

Through further investigation Officers were able to account for all parties involved in this incident. Three of the people riding in the Toyota were treated for minor injuries. The 15 year old male operator of the Toyota was issued a citation to appear in Juvenile Court on Monday March 6th, 2017 for the charges of Careless and Negligent Operation, Leaving the Scene of an Accident, and Reckless Endangerment. At this time it appears that speed and judgement were the primary causes of this crash while alcohol was not a factor. This investigation is in the early stages; additional traffic tickets, new criminal charges, and additional arrests are all likely future outcomes.