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Press Release

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On December 4, 2009, at approximately 9:14 a.m. the Post Falls Police Department responded to a reported vehicle accident at Mullan Ave. and Henry St. Upon arrival, officers located a Jeep Cherokee in the roadway, on its roof, and a Ford Contour resting on its wheels. The driver of the Ford was trapped in the vehicle and the driver and juvenile passenger were still inside the Jeep. All occupants had significant injuries and were extricated by medical personnel.

The cause of the accident is currently under investigation, but preliminary evidence suggests that the driver of the Jeep may have suffered a medical episode causing him to lose control of the vehicle. Witnesses stated that after striking a vehicle at Mullan Ave. and Idaho St. the driver of the Jeep continued at a high rate of speed westbound in the eastbound lane of Mullan Ave. The Ford was traveling east on Mullan Ave. and was struck head-on by the Jeep traveling in the wrong lane.

The driver of the Ford, James Norris 37 of Post Falls, suffered multiple fractures and trauma. The driver of the Jeep, John Watson 59 of Post Falls, suffered a traumatic leg injury and the juvenile passenger, (13 yoa, Male) had facial and leg injuries. All victims were transported by ambulance to Kootenai Medical Center for treatment.

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The Post Falls Police Department is conducting an ongoing investigation into this accident and requests if anybody has any further information to contact the Post Falls Police Department.