



NEWS RELEASE

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Case No. 14-9890

On June 11, 2014 at 2:05 a.m., Portage Police and Fire units were dispatched to the 1600 block of W. Centre Avenue on the report of a vehicle that crashed into a tree. The preliminary investigation indicates that a gray 2008 Chevy Silverado was traveling west on W. Centre Avenue when it ran off the south side of the roadway and struck the north side of the building at 1715 W. Centre Avenue, which is the Portage Free Methodist Church, before coming to rest against a tree on the property. The vehicle was being driven by a 69-year-old male from Gobles. The driver did not complain of any injuries and was evaluated by ambulance personnel at the scene. Alcohol is believed to be a factor in this accident, and, subsequent to the preliminary investigation, the driver was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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