



## NEWS RELEASE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: September 28, 2014

Case No. 14-16629

On September 28, 2014 at 1:31 a.m., Portage Public Safety Fire/Rescue and Police responded to the intersection of S. Westnedge Avenue and W. Melody Avenue for a reported traffic crash in which a vehicle struck a house. Upon arrival, Portage Public Safety personnel found a heavily damaged passenger car against the corner of the residence at 8508 S. Westnedge Avenue. Fire/Rescue personnel removed the lone occupant without incident. The occupant, a 31-year-old Portage man, was transported to Bronson Hospital for his injuries.

The preliminary investigation indicates that the vehicle was driving north on S. Westnedge Avenue when the driver lost control. The vehicle left the roadway on the northwest corner of the intersection and struck a utility pole. The vehicle then struck the residence at 8508 S. Westnedge Avenue. The crash remains under investigation. At this time alcohol and speed are believed to be factors.

Anyone that may have seen or has information regarding the crash is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, [www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com](http://www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com).

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