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Press Release

For immediate release

April 15, 2014 (Highland Park, Texas) – This morning around 8:15 a.m. a Highland Park DPS officer witnessed a blue minivan run the stop sign southbound on Abbott Avenue (4500 block) at Armstrong Avenue (3500 block). The suspect vehicle (later confirmed as stolen) continued south on Abbott Avenue and the officer attempted to initiate a traffic stop for violation. The suspect vehicle continued southbound on Armstrong Avenue, ran the stop sign southbound Armstrong Avenue to eastbound Fitzhugh Avenue, and immediately increased his speed eastbound to evade the Highland Park officer. The suspect vehicle, still actively evading police apprehension, jumped the center median into the westbound lanes of traffic and made an abrupt northbound turn on McKinney Avenue.

The Highland Park officer notified dispatch that he was in an active pursuit as the suspect vehicle continued northbound on McKinney Avenue. The suspect used an alleyway near Monticello Ave. to enter the southbound service road to U.S. Highway 75 (Central Expressway), made a U-Turn at Knox/Henderson, and turned eastbound on Goodwin Avenue.

Due to the traffic load, when combined with the erratic, unpredictable and dangerous driving of the suspect, the Highland Park officer terminated the pursuit on Goodwin Avenue. The officer continued on the last known path of the suspect vehicle and found the suspect vehicle had collided with two vehicles on Homer St. at Monticello Avenue. The officer notified HPDPS dispatch and attempted to provide aid to the victims. Dallas Fire/Rescue was contacted as well as well as the Dallas Police Department. Two victims were transported to Baylor Hospital. One victim, a young male in his teens, was pronounced deceased shortly after arrival.

Currently the suspect(s) are still at large. Because the suspect(s) were in the act of committing a felony at the time of the collision, homicide detectives with the Dallas Police Department are investigating this as a Capital Murder offense. At this time, Highland Park DPS will not be releasing the radio traffic or in-car video due to the active criminal investigation by Dallas PD and Highland Park DPS.

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