Merced Police Department

NEWS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release

Incident: Vehicle versus vehicle accident with injury

Date and Time: 09-01-13 @ 6:34 P.M.
Location: The intersection of G Street and W. Main Street
Persons Arrested: None
Case Number: 13-42846

The Merced Police Department responded to a vehicle versus vehicle accident with injury at the intersection of G Street and W. Main Street. Upon arrival, officers saw that a grey 1999 Toyota Corolla and a white 1993 Chevrolet Suburban had collided with one another and that both vehicles were now resting at the N/E corner of the intersection. The driver of the Corolla, Aarom Kelly-Claudio (22) and the front passenger, Bridgett Womack (19) were both trapped in the vehicle and had to be extricated from it by the Merced Fire Department using the Jaws of Life. Both Kelly-Claudio and Womack had serious but non-life threatening injuries as a result of the accident. Kelly-Claudio was treated at Mercy Medical Center in Merced for his injuries and Womack was taken to Memorial Hospital of Modesto via medi-flight for hers.

Both the driver of the Suburban Gustavo Canal (28), and the passenger, Eddie Torres (50) were not seriously injured. Neither driver involved in this accident appeared to have been drinking. The cause of the accident is still under investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is requested to call Detective Sergeant Scott Skinner at (209) 385-4702, or the Merced Police Department Tipster Line at (209) 385-4725.

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