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Leon County Sheriff's Office Investigators Make Arrest in Traffic Homicide

On Saturday morning, September 27, 2008, between the hours of 1:20am and 3:09am, Matthew Boyd (18yoa) crashed on Capitola Road between Bud Henry Place and Bucklake Road. Boyd was traveling north on Capitola Road towards Bucklake Road when the crash occurred. The traffic crash reconstruction revealed that Boyd's 2007 Nissan King Cab truck veered off the road to the west crossing the centerline onto the shoulder, where it struck a tree on the driver's left front corner. Boyd died as result of this crash. Boyd's blood toxicology was 0.23g/dL; the legal limit for a person under the age of 21 is 0.02g/dL.

During the course of this traffic homicide investigation, Traffic Crash Investigators John Kellerman and Tony Leon determined Boyd had attended an open house party at 1618 Sharkey Street from approximately 9:30pm to 1:00am, the night of the crash. There was a beer keg at the party that was open for anyone to drink from and the party consisted of persons primarily between the ages of 17 to 21.

The investigation determined that Brett Pierce provided the house for this open house party and Nathaniel McConnell provided the beer keg. Both Pierce and McConnell were aware underage people were in attendance at the party and drinking the provided alcoholic beverage. Pierce and McConnell provided no control over the beer that was provided which allowed Matthew Boyd access to the alcohol. A contributing cause to this crash was alcohol impairment, due to the beer served by Pierce and McConnell.

Arrested:

Nathaniel McConnell (DOB: 3/12/1987)
Charge: Contributing to the Delinquency

Brett Pierce (DOB: 7/28/1987)
Charge: Open House Party



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