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### **Police Pursuit Results in Multiple Criminal Charges**

**JOHNSTON, Iowa** – On Thursday, March 29, 2018 at approximately 5:21 p.m., while on routine patrol, a Johnston Police Officer spotted a vehicle with significant front-end damage and attempted to stop the car for multiple traffic violations. The driver of the vehicle immediately began to evade officers while traveling southbound on Merle Hay Road from Northglenn Drive. The vehicle continued at a high rate of speed in a reckless manner ignoring officers' emergency lights and sirens. The suspect vehicle became involved in a minor collision with another motorist at the intersection of 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave and Merle Hay. The vehicle then continued southbound on Merle Hay Road striking two more motor vehicles in the 5000 block before the driver of the suspect vehicle lost control and crashed on the westbound on-ramp to Interstate 80.

One of the passengers in the vehicle fled northbound from the scene and four other occupants were immediately apprehended. The fleeing passenger, a juvenile, was apprehended a short time later after a brief foot pursuit. This individual is facing misdemeanor criminal charges of Interference with Official Acts and Possession of a Controlled Substance.

The driver of the vehicle, Brazon Davenport, 19, from West Des Moines, was charged with the following offenses:

- Theft 1<sup>st</sup> degree (possession of a stolen vehicle) – Class C felony
- Eluding – Class D felony
- Possession of a Firearm by a Domestic Abuser – Class D felony
- Possession of a Controlled Substance – Serious Misdemeanor
- Multiple Outstanding Arrest Warrants for Domestic Violence
- Multiple Traffic Violations with Additional Traffic Charges Pending

This case remains under investigation for offenses related to this incident. The suspect vehicle and occupants are also considered persons of interest in additional criminal incidents occurring recently in the City of Des Moines. Investigators from the Johnston and Des Moines Police Departments are collaborating on these matters with additional charges pending.