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UPDATE

FATALITY ACCIDENT

JOHNSTON, IOWA – On Tuesday, August 29 at 5:58 p.m., the Johnston Police Department was called to a vehicular accident in the 6600 block of Merle Hay Road involving a motor vehicle and a bicyclist. Matthew Scott Nielsen, 36-year-old Granger resident was the driver of the vehicle. The bicyclist was Ali K Hashim, a 13-year-old Johnston resident and Middle School student. Ali has died due to injuries from the accident.

The accident remains under investigation and the Johnston Police Department is working in partnership with the Iowa State Patrol to further investigate the circumstances involved, but preliminary indications have determined neither drugs or alcohol were a factor in this accident.

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The accident remains under investigation and the Johnston Police Department is working in partnership with the Iowa State Patrol to further investigate the circumstances involved, but preliminary indications have determined neither drugs or alcohol were a factor in this accident.

No further information is being released at this time pending further investigation and family notification. As new information is available an update will be sent.

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