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**Community Mourns Loss after Tragic Accident**

**JOHNSTON, IOWA** – On Tuesday, August 29, 2017, the Johnston Police Department responded a vehicular/bicycle accident in the 6600 block of Merle Hay Road, which resulted in the death of a young teenager.

“Our community mourns the loss of Ali Hashim, a Johnston resident and middle school student who had his life tragically taken too soon,” said Mayor Paula Dierenfeld. “On behalf of the City of Johnston, our deepest sympathies, thoughts and prayers go out to Ali’s friends, family and all those affected by his loss. We ask the community to provide comfort and support to Ali’s friends and family in the days and months ahead.”

A memorial fund has been established and contributions can be made to Ali Hashim Memorial Fund, Zion Lutheran Church, 4300 Beaver Drive, Des Moines, Iowa, 50310.

The accident remains under investigation and the Johnston Police Department continues to work in partnership with the Iowa State Patrol. We will provide updates when they come available.

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