

# CHINO VALLEY POLICE NEWS RELEASE

## SERIOUS INJURIES AFTER HIGH SPEED ROLLOVER COLLISION

On November 7, 2016 at approx. 7:15am, Chino Valley Police responded to a single vehicle rollover collision on S.R. 89 at mile post 332. The collision, which was located about 1 mile south of Old Hwy 89, resulted in injuries to both occupants.

Investigation of the incident is still ongoing but preliminary information indicates the vehicle, a 1994 Ford Taurus, was traveling south on S.R. 89 at speeds over 90mph. The vehicle had 2 occupants, both from Paulden, the driver 21 year old Joseph Bellone, and passenger 29 year old Christina Mantikas. The two were both transported for injuries. Mr. Bellone was transported, via helicopter, to Flagstaff Medical Center with life threatening injuries, while Ms. Mantikas was transported to Yavapai Regional Medical Center East Campus by Lifeline Ambulance. The collision resulted in the intermittent closure of S.R. 89 for approx. 1 hour for investigation and to land the medical helicopter.

We would like to urge everyone, while driving or riding in a motor vehicle, please fasten your seatbelts. Also please obey posted speed limits but regardless of posted speed limit never ever drive at a speed that is more than what you feel is reasonable and prudent.

The Chino Valley Police Department would like to thank the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office, Department of Transportation and Department of Public Safety for assistance with closures and traffic issues during this incident.

