



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Update to Motor Vehicle/Pedestrian Accident from Dec.15, 2018**

On 12/15/2018 at 1851 hours the Columbia Heights Police Department responded to University Ave and 40<sup>th</sup> Ave NE on a report of a motor vehicle having struck a pedestrian. The pedestrian was identified as Erik Ray Johnstone, age 48, of Fridley. The driver of the vehicle was Sandra Mary Jost, age 21, of Chaska. Initial investigation indicates that Johnstone stepped into oncoming traffic. Jost was cooperative with the investigation and showed no signs of impairment.

On 12/20/2018, Erik Johnstone passed away due to injuries suffered in the collision. The accident remains under investigation by the Columbia Heights Police Department, the Anoka County Sheriff's Office and the Minnesota State Patrol.

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