



PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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On August 6, 2019 at 0713 hours the Fridley Police and Fridley Fire Department responded to Wal Mart, 8450 University Ave NE, on a report of a vehicle fire in the parking lot. At 0718 hours, information was received that second vehicle had caught fire. It was determined that two children were in the second vehicle when it caught fire. Ultimately, two children, ages 6 and 9, were removed from the vehicle and transported to Hennepin County Medical Center where they are each listed in critical condition. The children's mother had been in Wal Mart at the time of the fire.

The owner of the initial vehicle that caught fire was interviewed. Based on that conversation and physical evidence from the scene, the owner was transported to the Anoka County Jail is being held on probable cause negligent fires. That person has been identified as Roberto Lino Hibolito, 08/09/1948. Hibolito's spouse, Nema Inocencio Hibolito, was in the vehicle when it caught fire but was able to safely get out of the vehicle.

This incident remains under investigation by the Fridley Police Department, the Anoka County Sheriff's Office, the Minnesota State Fire Marshall and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. No additional information will be provided at this time.

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