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ARREST MADE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC FATALITY

May 5, 2008 -- On Thursday, March 6, 2008 at approximately 2:52 p.m., officers responded to a traffic crash on Military Trail, just south of Dakota Drive, near Jupiter Middle School.

Two vehicles were involved; a red 1997 two-door Honda and a white 2008 four-door Pontiac G6. Both vehicles were traveling southbound on Military Trail when the Honda struck the Pontiac, causing it to go off the roadway and strike a tree.

The driver of the Pontiac, Violet Wondergem (white female, 76 y.o.a), was pronounced dead on scene. Her husband, Cornelius Wondergem (white male, 82 y.o.a) was a passenger in the vehicle. He sustained minor injuries and was transported to St. Mary's Hospital.

The driver of the Honda, Jerome Peel, Jr. (white male, born 04/20/1990) was uninjured in the crash. His passenger, Gabriele Klizentyte (white female, 16 y.o.a.) sustained minor injuries and was treated and released from Jupiter Medical Center.

Following an extensive investigation, it was determined the driver of the Honda, Jerome Peel, Jr. was reckless in his operation of his vehicle causing the crash and subsequent death of Violet Wondergem. On Friday, May 2, 2008, Jerome Peel, Jr. was arrested and charged with Vehicular Homicide as a result of the crash on March 6, 2008. Jerome Peel, Jr., was processed and booked into the Palm Beach County Jail.

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