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PRESS RELEASE

GARFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Garfield County, Colorado – At approximately 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 29, 2009, The Garfield County Emergency Communication Center received a report of a black vehicle heading eastbound on I-70 traveling at a high rate of speed. Garfield County Sheriff's Deputies attempted to pull the vehicle over, but the driver refused to comply. After pursuing the vehicle for approximately six (6) minutes and reaching speeds of over 100 mph, Garfield County Sheriff's Deputies and Officers responding from Rifle Police Department were able to stop the vehicle at the westbound I-70 ramp near the Rifle roundabouts at MM 90. Both occupants of the vehicle were believed to be under the influence of alcohol.

The juvenile female driver was reported to be a runaway out of Southern California and is facing charges of 42-4-1301 (1)(a) DUI (driving under the influence), 18-13-122 Illegal possession or consumption of alcohol by an underage person, 42-4-1401 Reckless Driving, 42-4-1101, Speeding over 25-39, and 42-2-101 (1) Drove vehicle without a valid drivers license, 42-4-1305 Open alcoholic beverage Container. The female Juvenile was released to the Garfield County DHS (Department of Human Service).

The male occupant in the vehicle was Matthew Robert Senges (18 yoa) whose last known address was 36656 Ponderosa Circle, Murrieta, CA 92563. He was charged with; 18-13-122 Illegal possession/consumption of alcohol by underage person (class 2 petty offense), 12-47-901(1)(a.5) Unlawful acts - to sell, serve, give alcohol to person under 21 years (class 2 Misdemeanor), Harboring a minor/runaway (class 2 misdemeanor). Bond amount \$ \$ 1,550.00 Senges bonded on 05/30/09.



Matthew Robert Senges

Agency's involved; Garfield County Emergency Communication Center, Garfield County Sheriff Deputies, Rifle Police Department and a Garfield County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit.