

# Urbandale Police Department

## Media Release

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**Topic:** Fatality Rollover Accident I80/35 at 86<sup>th</sup> St. On-Ramp

On Thursday 07/05/07 at approximately 2:45 A.M., a 2001 Ford Explorer carrying four individuals rolled over numerous times as it while attempting to enter I80-35 eastbound from 86<sup>th</sup> St. The victim, 18-year-old Thomas Lee Carpenter of Des Moines, IA, was ejected from the vehicle during the accident. Carpenter was transported to Methodist Hospital by Life Flight but died on Friday July 6<sup>th</sup> from a severe head-injury sustained during the accident.

The driver of the Ford Explorer was identified as 17-year-old Christa Marie Smith of Des Moines. The two passengers in the vehicle were identified as 24-year-old Ivanz Munoc and 17-year-old Stephanie Mulstay, also from Des Moines. Smith, Munoc and Mulstay were all transported to area hospitals where they were treated and released for minor injuries.

The investigation has revealed that alcohol was a factor in this fatal accident. On Monday August 6, 2007, at approximately ? P.M., Christa Smith was arrested and charged with Vehicular Manslaughter. Due to the fact that Smith turned 18-years-of- age shortly after the fatal accident, she has been charged as an adult. Smith is being held at the Polk County Court House on a \$100,000 bond.

**\*AN ARREST WITHOUT DISPOSITION IS NOT AN INDICATION OF GUILT**

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