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Subject: Jackee Brown, Wife of Waynesville Mayor Gavin Brown, Involved in Wreck.

This accident, which occurred on Christmas Eve, was first brought to my attention yesterday, and initially broadcast on WLOS on the 5:00 and 6:00pm news for the first time yesterday. I spent about an hour with Waynesville Police Chief Bill Hollingsed regarding how this incident was going to be and has been handled. Ellen Pitt (MADD) joined us about halfway through the discussion. For what it is worth, both Ellen Pitt and I are satisfied with the manner in which Chief Hollingsed and his department are handling the case.

<http://www.wlos.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/Wife-of-Waynesville-Mayor-Involved-in-Wreck--245841.shtml>

It was reported by Jon Ostendorff, jgostendorff@wlos.com, Becky Johnson's husband. Nothing about this accident in the Mountaineer, no surprise there. Vicki Hyatt is carrying Gavin Brown's water.

This incident is festering into a firestorm on Facebook and other social media, with rumors running amok.

[**Editors Note:** Chief Hollingsed did not have to sit down and spend an hour with me, but chose to. He is aware of the social media firestorm - mainly because the local papers are not putting anything out about this incident. This is an ongoing investigation and charges have not been filed, so the discussion today was mainly about procedure.]

The following is a brief summary of our meeting, in no particular order...

- The accident occurred within the city limits. There was no assistance from the County Sheriff's office, due to that agency not working traffic crashes. N. C. H. P. assisted in the accident, although they do not handle traffic incidents in the city. A NCSHP Trooper was present during the investigation, both at the scene and at the Hospital.
- Three people taken to the hospital were all unconscious. There was never an opportunity to give a breathalyze test or any other type of sobriety test. Blood samples were taken at the hospital.
- Blood samples from individuals are protected by HIPA. A court order was signed by Superior Court Judge Brad Letts to provide WPD with the toxicology and accident reports, which should be available within the next day or two.
- WPD has been working hand and hand with the DA's office, in particular ADA Jeff Jones.
- No Arrest Report has been completed. Once the Court Ordered information from the hospital has been reviewed with the DA's Office, an Arrest Report will be made public.
- Chief Hollingsed indicated that the Arrest Report will contain the evidence provided by these Court Ordered Reports, insuring that no false or erroneous charges will be included in the Arrest Report.

Once the Arrest Report has been made public, the Arrest Report will be posted on www.haywoodtp.net.

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