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FROM/DE: **Barrie OPP Detachment**

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FATAL MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

(Oro-Medonte, On) – On Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 4:17 a.m., Barrie Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) attempted to stop a motor vehicle that was travelling northbound on Highway 11 in Oro-Medonte Township. The vehicle refused to stop and continued northbound on Highway 11.

The fleeing suspect vehicle was followed and a spike belt was deployed when the vehicle approached the 15th line of Oro-Medonte. The vehicle continued northbound on Highway 11 before exiting at Memorial Avenue in Orillia.

Due to the area and speed of the suspect vehicle, the OPP ceased following the vehicle. The suspect vehicle continued northbound on Memorial Avenue, lost control and struck a hydro pole.

The two occupants were ejected from the motor vehicle. A 28 year old male and 19 year old female were transported to Soldiers' Memorial Hospital from the collision scene. They were both pronounced deceased upon arrival at the hospital.

Memorial Avenue will be closed from Barrie Road to James Street in Orillia for several hours. Motorists are advised to stay away from the area. There are numerous businesses in the area. Please expect delays.

The Province's Special Investigation Unit (SIU) was contacted by the OPP and has invoked its mandate. Further inquiries should be directed to SIU Communications at 416-622-2342

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