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**From:** Clarence Ditlow [cmdiii@autosafety.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 4:41 PM  
**To:** Clarence Ditlow; Yon, Scott (NHTSA); Hershman, Larry (NHTSA); Borris, Frank (NHTSA); Boyd, Richard (NHTSA)  
**Cc:** Medford, Ronald (NHTSA); Smith, Daniel (NHTSA)  
**Subject:** RE: Police Report Shows Jeep in NC Crash was a Cherokee & Not a Grand Cherokee As Reported  
**Attachments:** NC 3-1-11 Jeep Fire Crash.pdf

Here's the police report as promised which shows the two vehicles to be:

1J4FT78SXSL [REDACTED] 1995 JEEP CHEROKEE COUNTRY  
1G8ZK5275VZ [REDACTED] 1997 SATURN SL2

Clarence

Please put this email & attachment (once you redact it) in the file of PE10-031.

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**From:** Clarence Ditlow  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 02, 2011 5:13 PM  
**To:** 'Scott.Yon@dot.gov'; [Larry.Hershman@dot.gov](mailto:Larry.Hershman@dot.gov); [Frank.Borris@dot.gov](mailto:Frank.Borris@dot.gov); 'Richard.Boyd@dot.gov'  
**Cc:** [Ronald.Medford@dot.gov](mailto:Ronald.Medford@dot.gov); 'Daniel.Smith@dot.gov'  
**Subject:** Police Report Shows Jeep in NC Crash was a Cherokee & Not a Grand Cherokee As Reported

The police report shows this was a Cherokee versus a Grand Cherokee. They are faxing a copy but the quality may be poor. I will send it to you as soon as it comes in.

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THIS REPORT IS FOR THE USE OF THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES. THE DATA IS COLLECTED FOR STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND SUBSEQUENT HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMMING. DETERMINATIONS OF "FAULT" ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF INSURERS OR OF THE STATE'S COURTS.

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Date Received by DMV
03/01/2011

Report header section containing date, county (DURHAM), time (17:13), and local use/patrol area (110301098CA/01).

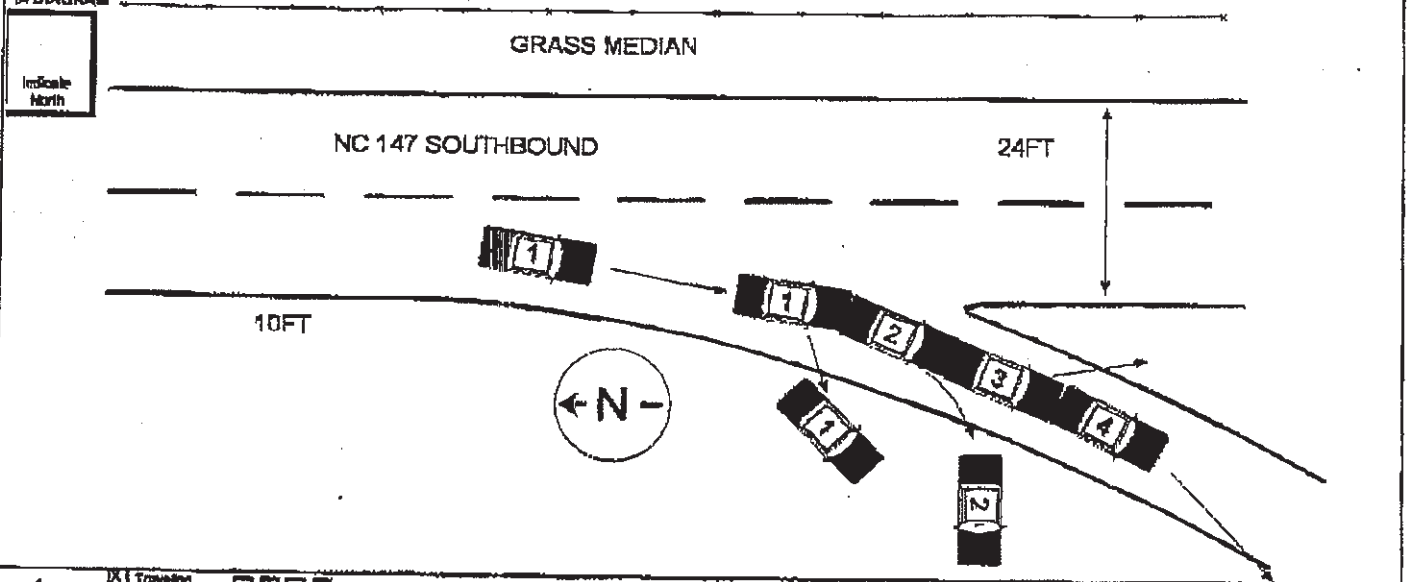
Main vehicle information section for two units. Unit 1: Greensboro, NC, Saturn vehicle, 1997. Unit 2: Durham, NC, Jeep vehicle, 1995. Includes driver details, license status, and vehicle condition.

Commercial vehicle section with fields for cargo, carrier name, address, and source.

Table with columns A-H and rows 1-8. Contains towing information including names and addresses of towing companies: LEMON'S TOWING and WAGNER'S TOWING.

Section for EMS names and injured taken by EMS to, listing PARKWOOD MEDIC 64 and DUKE MEDICAL CENTER DURHAM.

44 POINTS OF INITIAL CONTACT (When in Contact)		Unit 1 1 2 3		Unit 2 14 15 16		VEHICLE INFO.		Unit 1	Unit 2	ROADWAY INFO.		WORK ZONE RELATED	
CRASH SEQUENCE (Unit Level)		Unit 1	Unit 2	60 Authorized Speed Limit	65	65	60 Road Features	15	70 Workzone Area	5			
46 Vehicle Maneuver/Action	4	1	61 Estimate of Original Traveling Speed	55	0	70 Road Character	1	70 Work Activity					
49 Non-Motorist Action			62 Estimate of Speed at Impact	40	0	71 Road Classification	3	80 Work Area Marked					
50 Non-Motorist Location Prior to Impact			63 Time Impairment Before Impact (s)	30	0	72 Road Surface Type	3	81 Crash Location					
51 Non-Motorist Location Prior to Impact			64 Distance Traveled After Impact (ft)	21	48	73 Road Configuration	4	TRAILER INFO.		Unit 1	Unit 2		
52 Crash Sequence - First Event for This Unit	21	21	65 Emergency Vehicle Use			74 Access Control	2	82 Trailer Type	00	00			
53 Crash Sequence - Second Event		1	66 Post-Crash Fire (if "Yes" check block)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	75 Number of Lanes	4	83 Trailer No. Above Whisk (feet)					
54 Crash Sequence - Third Event			67 School Bus - Confined Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	76 Traffic Control Type	0	Length (feet)					
54 Crash Sequence - Fourth Event			68 School Bus - Nonconfined Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	77 Traffic Control Oper		2nd Trailer No. Above Whisk (feet)					
56 Most Harmful Event for This Unit	21	21	COMMERCIAL VEHICLE: Hazardous Materials Investment Unit										
57 Distance/Direction to Object Struck	0	0	Hazardous Materials Investment Unit										
58 Vehicle Undercarriage/Override	3	3	Hazardous Materials Investment Unit										
59 Vehicle Defects	0	0	Hazardous Materials Investment Unit										



Unit 1 was:  Traveling  Parked Facing  N  S  E  W on NC 147. Unit 2 was:  Traveling  Parked Facing  N  S  E  W on NC 147

65 NARRATIVE (Include pertinent and essential aspects, which are not listed elsewhere on the form)

VEHICLES 1, 2, 3, AND 4 WERE TRAVELING SOUTH ON NC 147. VEHICLES 2, 3, AND 4 WERE STOPPED IN TRAFFIC ON THE RAMP TO RP 2028. VEHICLE 1 COLLIDED WITH THE REAR OF VEHICLE 2. THIS COLLISION FORCED VEHICLE 2 TO COLLIDE WITH VEHICLE 3 AND VEHICLE 3 TO COLLIDE WITH VEHICLE 4. VEHICLE 1 CAME TO REST ON THE RAMP FACING SOUTH. VEHICLE 2 CAME TO REST ON THE RIGHT SHOULDER FACING WEST. VEHICLES 3 AND 4 CAME TO A CONTROLLED REST FACING SOUTH ON THE RAMP.

66 Type of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. (\_\_\_\_): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. (\_\_\_\_): \_\_\_\_\_

Charge(s): **FAIL TO REDUCE SPEED**

Officer Name: **M K Young**

Officer Number: **2733**

Department: **North Carolina State Highway P**

Date of Report: **03/01/2011**



41 POINTS OF INITIAL CONTACT (Write in Circle)		Unit 3 14 15 16		Unit 4		VEHICLE INFO.		Road 3		Road 4		ROADWAY INFO.		WORK ZONE RELATED	
CRASH SEQUENCE		Unit 3		Unit 4		60 Authorized Speed Limit	65	65	69 Road Feature		74 Workzone Area				
42 Vehicle Maneuver/Action	1	1	61 Estimate of Original Traveling Speed	0	0	70 Road Character		75 Work Activity							
43 Non-Motorist Action			62 Estimate of Speed at Impact	0	0	71 Road Classification		80 Work Area Marked							
44 Non-Motorist Location Prior to Impact			63 Tire Impressions Before Impact (ft.)	0	0	72 Road Surface Type		81 Crash Location							
45 Crash Sequence - First Event for This Unit	21	21	64 Distance Traveled After Impact (ft.)			73 Road Configuration		TRAILER INFO.		Unit 3	Unit 4				
46 Crash Sequence - Second Event			65 Emergency Vehicle Use			74 Access Control		82 Trailer Type		00	00				
47 Crash Sequence - Third Event			66 Post-Crash Fire (If "Yes" check boxes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	75 Number of Lanes		1st Trailer No. Axles							
48 Crash Sequence - Fourth Event			67 School Bus - Contact Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	76 Traffic Control Type		Wkth (inches)							
49 Most Harmful Event for This Unit	21	21	68 School Bus - Noncontact Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	77 Traffic Control Oper		Length (feet)							
50 Distance/Direction to Object Struck	0	0	56 Commercial Vehicle: Hazardous Materials Involvement Unit <input type="checkbox"/> Haz Mat Placed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No From Placard <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Cargo <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 4-digit placard number or 1-digit number from Released (above and below first lines not used) name from diamond or box bottom of diamond Carrying Haz Mat <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												
51 Vehicle Undermined/Overwide	2	3													
52 Vehicle Defects	0	0													



Unit 3 was:  Traveling  Parked Facing N E S W on NC 147

Unit 4 was:  Traveling  Parked Facing N E S W on NC 147

55 NARRATIVE (Include pertinent road conditions aspects, which are not better illustrated on the diagram)

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56 Typical Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Property?

Estimated Damage \$ \_\_\_\_\_

57 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

58 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

59 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Charge(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(Charge if applicable)

Charge(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Officer Name: M K Young

Officer Number: 2795

Department: North Carolina State Highway P

Date of Report: 03/01/2011