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Family among 5 Ridge victims

A woman and her two adult children were among the five people killed in Ridge when a speeding 2018 Chevrolet Camaro that had been reported stolen struck the car they were in, part of a four-vehicle crash Wednesday, Suffolk police said.

The family members, as well as a female friend of the woman's son, were killed when the 2012 Mazda they were riding in on Middle Country Road was struck by the Camaro, then slammed into an Infiniti and erupted in flames, police said Thursday.

Authorities have not released the victims' identities, saying they must notify the families first.

The fifth victim, Lonidell Skinner, 19, of Bellport, was ejected from the Camaro. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Jamel Turner, 23, of Bellport, the Camaro driver, was initially charged with third-degree criminal possession of stolen property and false personation,

police said. Additional charges were expected to be filed, police said.

Turner also was charged with an outstanding warrant. He was taken to Stony Brook University Hospital with nonlife-threatening injuries and authorities said he was not able to be arraigned Thursday due to his injuries.

Turner has several prior convictions on misdemeanor charges. In his most recent case in 2016, he was sentenced to 30 days in jail for unlawful fleeing of an officer in a motor vehicle, records show.

The driver of an oil truck involved in the crash was also transported to Stony Brook University Hospital with nonlife-threatening injuries. The driver of the Infiniti, the fourth vehicle, was not injured.

The crash took place after police located the Camaro at an apartment complex a mile from the accident scene. An OnStar report had indicated it had been stolen from Shirley.

After the Camaro sped away, police followed until they came upon the crash scene, said authorities, who are looking at whether the officers engaged the Camaro in a pursuit.

MAKING HAPPY MEALS HEALTHIER

The Associated Press

McDonald's will soon banish cheeseburgers and chocolate milk from its Happy Meal menu in an effort to cut down on the calories, sodium, saturated fat and sugar that kids consume at its restaurants.

Diners can still ask specifically for cheeseburgers or chocolate milk with the kid's meal, but the fast-food company said that not listing them will reduce how often they're ordered. Since it removed soda from the Happy Meal menu four years ago, orders for it with Happy Meals have fallen 14 percent, the company said.

The Happy Meal has long been a target of health advocates and parents who link it to childhood obesity. McDonald's has made many tweaks over the years, including cutting the size of its fries and adding fruit. Most recently, it swapped out its apple juice for one that has less sugar.

It's been especially important as the company tries to shake its junk-food image, since McDonald's is known for getting more business from families with children relative to its traditional rivals, such as Burger King and Wendy's. The

Happy Meal is a key part of that.

The latest changes will occur in the United States by June.

McDonald's said Thursday it wants all its Happy Meal options to have 600 calories or fewer and have less than 650 milligrams of sodium. It also wants less than 10 percent of the meal's calories to come from saturated fat and added sugar.

The cheeseburger and chocolate milk didn't meet those new standards, the Oak Brook, Illinois-based company said.

There will be other tweaks: the six-piece chicken nugget Happy Meal will now come with a kid-sized fries instead of a small, lowering calories and sodium from the fries by half. Bottled water will be added as an option to the Happy Meal menu, but will cost extra. Currently, that menu lists milk, chocolate milk and apple juice. Soda does not cost extra.

For international restaurants, McDonald's Corp. said that at least half of the Happy Meal options available must meet its new nutritional guidelines. The company said some are adding new menu items to comply, like in Italy, where a grilled chicken sandwich was added to the Happy Meal menu.