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## **Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash**

On Friday, April 18, 2025 at approximately 11:04 p.m., the Dodge County Sheriff's Office received a report of a vehicle driving the wrong way on US Highway 151, going southbound in the northbound lanes near State Highway 73 in the township of Elba. Approximately one minute later, another 911 call was received reporting the vehicle crashed into another vehicle head-on. Dodge County Sheriff's deputies responded to the scene and investigated.

Preliminary investigation showed that a 2005 Toyota Rav4 was traveling southbound on US Highway 151 in the northbound lanes. It collided with a 2019 Toyota Corolla that was traveling northbound. After the collision, the Rav4 rolled several times.

The driver of the 2005 Toyota Rav4, a 22-year-old female from Beaver Dam, Wisconsin was pronounced deceased at the scene as a result of the injuries sustained in the crash. There were two passengers in the vehicle, both 17-year-old females. They sustained serious injuries. Both passengers were transported via EMS to hospitals, one to Prairie Ridge in Columbus and the other to UW-Health in Madison. The driver and sole occupant of the 2019 Corolla, a 37-year-old female from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin received nonlife threatening injuries and was transported to Prairie Ridge Hospital in Columbus

Assisting at the scene was the Dodge County Emergency Response Team, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, the Columbus Police Department, the Fall River Police Department, the Columbia County Highway Department, the Columbus Fire Department, Lifestar EMS, and the Dodge County Crash Investigation Team.

This crash remains under investigation by the Dodge County Sheriff's Office.

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J. Schmidt

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