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**PRESS RELEASE**

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On Thursday November 21, 2013 at 5:24pm., the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office responded to a two vehicle crash on USH 63/STH 64 approximately ¼ mile east of 240<sup>th</sup> St. in Cylon Township.

A 2000 Honda Civic, driven by Israel Romos, age 33 from Clear Lake, WI was westbound on USH 63/STH 64. A 1991 Chevrolet Suburban, driven by Daniel J. Dittman, age 46 from Menomonie, WI was eastbound on USH 63/STH 64. According to evidence at the scene, the Honda Civic crossed the center line and was struck in the passenger side by the Chevrolet Suburban. The Honda came to rest in the south ditch and the Chevrolet came to rest on the south shoulder of the road. Weather conditions appear to be a factor in the crash as it was snowing at the time and the road was slippery when first responders arrived.

Romos was transported to Regions Hospital with serious injuries by New Richmond EMS. Dittman was evaluated at the scene by New Richmond EMS.

A passenger in the Honda Civic, Rolando Ontiveros-Contreras, age 25, from Clear Lake, WI was pronounced dead at the scene by the St. Croix County Medical Examiner's Office.

All occupants were wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash. .

Assisting at the scene was New Richmond EMS, Deer Park Fire and First Responders, Clear Lake Police and the Wisconsin State Patrol.

This is the 12<sup>th</sup> fatality of 2013.

The crash remains under investigation by the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office.

Note: Further inquiries to this crash investigation should be directed to Captain Jeff Klatt.