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## Press Release

12/15/14

On Monday December 15, 2014, at 10:55am., the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office responded to a two vehicle crash on STH 65 at CTH N in the town of Kinnickinnic.

A 2009 Ford Edge, driven by James E. Peuse, 81 years old from Eau Claire, WI was eastbound on CTH N. A 2002 Ford Econoline van driven by Gordon Ellis Cariveau, 74 years old from Oronoco, MN was southbound on STH 65. According to a witness, Mr. Peuse failed to stop at the stop sign on CTH N and struck the southbound vehicle driven by Cariveau. The Cariveau vehicle entered the west ditch and rolled, coming to rest on its roof in a field. The Peuse vehicle stopped on the eastside of STH 65 on CTH N. Mr. Cariveau had to be extricated by Roberts Fire & Rescue. He was taken to Hudson Hospital by River Falls EMS where he was pronounced dead. Mr. Peuse was transported to River Falls Hospital by River Falls EMS with minor injuries.

A passenger in the Cariveau vehicle, Yvonne Marie Cariveau, age 72 from Oronoco, MN was taken to Hudson Hospital with minor injuries. A passenger in the Peuse vehicle, Wyllis M. Peuse, age 78 from Eau Claire, WI was taken to River Falls Hospital by River Falls EMS with minor injuries.

Both drivers and occupants were wearing seatbelts.

Assisting at the scene were Roberts Police, Roberts Fire & Rescue, WI DNR, River Falls Fire & EMS, and the St. Croix County Highway Department.

This is the 12th fatality of 2014.

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

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