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PRESS RELEASE

On Saturday, May 24, 2014 at 12:27 pm., the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office responded to a single vehicle motorcycle crash near the intersection of USH 63 and 180th Ave, in Erin Prairie Township.

A 2012 Honda Trike GL 1800, driven by Robert Kastens, age 88 of Deer Park, WI was southbound on USH 63. At the intersection of USH 63 and 180th Ave, the vehicle entered the south west ditch. Both he and his passenger, Charlene Kastens, age 79, of Deer Park, WI were ejected from the motorcycle. Both were transported to Regions Hospital by New Richmond Ambulance.

Charlene Kastens passed away at Regions hospital as a result of her injuries. Mr. Kastens suffered non-life threatening injuries.

Both Mr and Mrs. Kastens were wearing helmets at the time of the crash.

Assisting at the scene were New Richmond Fire and EMS, New Richmond Medics, Deer Park Fire and First Responders, and the Clear Lake Fire Department.

This is the 4th traffic fatality of 2014.

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

UPDATED on June 9, 2014:

On Saturday, June 7th, 2014, Robert C. Kastens, age 88, of Deer Park, WI passed away at Regions Hospital due to complications resulting from injuries he sustained as a result of the crash in St. Croix County on May 24th. Mr. Kastens was the 5th traffic fatality of 2014.