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PRESS RELEASE

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On Tuesday July 15, 2014 at 2:33pm., the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office responded to a three vehicle crash on STH 35, 2/10 mile south of Lakeside Lane in the town of Somerset.

A 2007 Honda Civic, driven by Amanda L. Day, age 34 from Osceola, WI was northbound on STH 35. A 1999 Honda Accord, driven by Terry L. Baillargeon, age 60 from Somerset, WI was also northbound on STH 35. According to statements and evidence at the scene, Day was attempting to pass Baillargeon. Day struck Baillargeon in the driver's side back quarter panel, spinning the Baillargeon around and into the southbound shoulder/ditch area. A 2002 Suzuki XL7, driven by Goldie V. Culver, age 83 from Apple Valley, MN was southbound on STH 35. Day then struck the Culver vehicle, sending the Culver vehicle into the east ditch. The Day vehicle slid on the roadway coming to rest in the middle of STH 35.

Amanda Day was pronounced dead at the scene by the St. Croix County Medical Examiner's Office. Goldie Culver was transported by LifeLink III helicopter to Regions Hospital in St. Paul, MN where she later died from her injuries. Terry Baillargeon was transported to Lakeview Hospital in Stillwater MN by Lakeview Ambulance with injuries.

Baillargeon and Culver were wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash. Day was not wearing a seatbelt.

Assisting at the scene was the Polk County Sheriff's Office, Somerset Police Dept, Somerset Fire & Rescue, and St. Joseph Township Fire Dept.

A portion of STH 35 was closed in this area for about three hours and traffic rerouted while emergency crews worked at the scene.

This is the 6th and 7th fatality of 2014.

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

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