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PRESS RELEASE

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On Thursday September 20, 2012, at 7:26pm., the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office responded to a one vehicle crash on CTH S about .4 tenths of a mile east of 215th St. in the Town of Cylon.

A 1981 Honda Goldwing motorcycle, driven by Richard J. Shade, age 47, from New Richmond, WI was westbound on CTH S. From evidence at the scene, the motorcycle struck a deer on the left side of the motorcycle causing Shade to lose control. The motorcycle went on its side, ejecting Shade. The motorcycle slid a few feet on the roadway and came to rest in the middle of the road. Passerby's saw the motorcycle and Mr. Shade on the roadway and called 911.

Mr. Shade was airlifted to Regions Hospital in St. Paul, MN by Lifelink helicopter with serious injuries. The sheriff's office was notified on Friday September 21, 2012 that Mr. Shade had died due to his injuries.

Mr. Shade was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

Assisting at the scene was Deer Park Fire & First Responders, and New Richmond Fire, EMS, and Rescue.

This is the 12th fatality of 2012.

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