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Traffic Pursuit with Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash

On 01-07-24 at approximately 5:55 pm a Dodge County Sheriff's Deputy attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle which was reported by a concerned citizen as a possible impaired driver based on their driving behavior. It was also reported that the vehicle failed to stop for Washington County Deputies who attempted a traffic stop on the same vehicle.

The deputy attempted to stop the vehicle on State Highway 33 near State Highway 67. The driver made the decision to flee rather than come to a stop as required by law. He fled south on State Highway 67 at speeds in excess of 100 mph. The vehicle then traveled west on County Road S. The vehicle continued north on Horseshoe Road at a high rate of speed and failed to negotiate a curve. The vehicle left the roadway into the ditch and struck a tree. Deputies immediately rendered aid and attempted life saving measures on the driver, the sole occupant of the vehicle. The driver, a 27-year-old male from Hartford, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash.

Assisting with the crash investigation is the Wisconsin State Patrol. The Dane County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene to assist with the safe removal of an older military style grenade, or facsimile found in the vehicle. UW Med Flight, Horicon Fire Department and EMS, and the Dodge County Emergency Response Team also assisted with this incident.

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J. Schmidt

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