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Update April 2, 2024

The driver of the pickup was identified as Preston Schraufnagel, 20 years of age, from rural Randolph. The investigation into the crash revealed probable cause that he was under the influence of an intoxicant at the time of the crash. He was arrested and cited for OWI, and was released to family at the hospital to continue to receive medical care.

Trent Key, 21 years of age, from Randolph, was the passenger. The crash remains under investigation.

Serious-injury traffic crash – rural Columbus

A 20 year old rural Randolph man was seriously injured, and his 21 year old male passenger from Randolph received non-life threatening injuries, in a single-vehicle traffic crash on State Highways 16/60, just east of Columbus, Monday afternoon, April 1st, 2024.

At around 3pm, Dodge County Sheriff's Office dispatchers received 911 calls reporting the crash, which was just under a mile east of Columbus, in the township of Elba. The early investigation indicted pickup was eastbound on State Highways 16/60, and failed to negotiate a left-hand curve, overcorrected and lost control before overturning. The driver was transported by ambulance to a level 1 trauma center with serious injuries. The passenger was taken to a local hospital with injuries believed to not be serious.

The crash remains under investigation by the Dodge County Sheriff's Office. Agencies responding to and assisting at the scene included the Columbus Police Department, Columbus Fire Department, Lifestar EMS, Beaver Dam Paramedics, DCERT (Dodge County Emergency Response Team), and the sheriff's office chaplain. The highway was closed for just under two hours to keep the scene safe for those working and investigating the scene.

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J. Schmidt

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