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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Fatal Crash**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: 02/03/2020  
Incident Case#SO2005539

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On 02/03/2020 at approximately 1834 hours Deputies were dispatched to E HWY 59 and CTH KK in Lima Center Township, Rock County, WI for the report of a single vehicle roll over crash. Upon investigation it is believed the vehicle, driven by a 20 year old female of Whitewater, was eastbound on E HWY 59 at a high rate of speed. The vehicle came upon another vehicle also traveling eastbound on E HWY 59. To avoid a rear end collision the driver abruptly swerved to the left and entered the north ditch where the vehicle rolled an unknown amount of times. The driver, who was not wearing her seatbelt, was ejected from the vehicle. There were a total of four occupants in the vehicle.

The driver along with two passengers, a 19 year old male and an 18 year old female, were transported to Mercy Hospital. A fourth passenger, 19 year old male, was not transported. At the hospital the driver was pronounced deceased. The three passengers, who were wearing seatbelts, sustained non-life threatening injuries. It does not appear alcohol was a factor in the crash. Rock County Reconstruction Team will be conducting an investigation. The driver's name will be released by the Medical Examiner's Office pending notification of the family.

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