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## **FATAL TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATION**

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at approximately 6:12 p.m., Stephenson County Sheriff's Office personnel responded to the area of E. Angle Rd. and N. Afolkey Rd. in rural Dakota for a report of a two-vehicle traffic crash with injuries.

The results of the preliminary investigation indicate that a silver 2011 Ford Fiesta driven by Wendy Williams (age 55) of Lena was traveling northbound on N. Afolkey Rd. when it crossed the center of the roadway and collided head-on with a southbound black 2005 Honda Pilot. Wendy Williams was the sole occupant of the Ford Fiesta; she was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver of the Honda Pilot, a 38-year-old Freeport woman, sustained serious injuries and was transported by helicopter to a Rockford area hospital where she is currently listed as being in critical condition. A passenger in the Honda Pilot, a 19-year-old Freeport man, sustained minor injuries and was treated and released.

The cause of the traffic crash remains under investigation and an autopsy has been scheduled for Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The Stephenson County Sheriff's Office would like to acknowledge assistance with this incident that has been provided by the Cedarville Fire Protection District, Leamon's Ambulance Service, Tri-District Emergency Ambulance Service, the Stephenson County Coroner's Office, and the Illinois State Police Traffic Crash Reconstruction Unit.

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