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FATAL TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATION

On November 10th, 2024, at approximately 11:40 p.m., Stephenson County Sheriff's Office personnel responded to the area of Illinois Route 26 North and Winneshiek Rd. in rural Freeport for a cellphone crash detection alert. Upon arrival, responding deputies discovered a scene involving a head-on collision between a semi-truck tractor/trailer and a 2005 Dodge Neon.

The results of the preliminary investigation indicate that the 2005 Dodge Neon driven by a 35-year-old Freeport man was traveling southbound on Illinois Route 26 North in the northbound traffic lane when it collided head-on with a northbound semi-truck tractor/trailer. The driver of the Dodge Neon was the sole occupant and was deceased at the scene. The driver of the semi-truck tractor/trailer, a 60-year-old Beloit Wisconsin man, was not injured.

The cause of the traffic crash remains under investigation and the name of the decedent is being withheld pending notification of next of kin. An autopsy has been scheduled for today at 12:00 p.m.

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, the Stephenson County Coroner's Office, and the Illinois State Police Traffic Crash Reconstruction Unit.

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