



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF, Stephenson County

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News Release-Fatal Traffic Crash Investigation

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On 12-30-22, at approximately 2:49pm, Stephenson County Sheriff's Office personnel responded to a car vs. pedestrian traffic crash in the area of Business 20 West and W. Lily Creek Road in rural Freeport. Upon arrival, a 22-year-old male resident of rural Freeport was found deceased at the scene.

During an ensuing investigation, it was determined that the decedent was a pedestrian who had been struck by a westbound vehicle. The involved vehicle was found stopped alongside the roadway on Business 20 West near Harlem Center Road and the female driver, who was uninjured, is currently being detained while the investigation is being completed. The name of the victim is not being released at this time pending notifications of the next of kin.

The Stephenson County Sheriff's Office would like to acknowledge assistance with this incident that has been provided by the following agencies; Stephenson County Sheriff's Office Reserve Unit, Stephenson County Coroner's Office, Stephenson County State's Attorney's Office, Freeport Rural Fire Department, Illinois State Police Traffic Crash Reconstruction Unit, Village of Lena Police Department, and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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