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MEDIA RELEASE

Fatal Traffic Crash

For Immediate Release

Date: May 16, 2022 Case: SO2226094 **Contact Person**

Captain Mark Thompson 608-757-7944

On May 16, 2022 at 4:49 p.m. Rock County Sheriff's Deputies and Footville and Janesville Fire and EMS responded to a two-vehicle head-on crash that occurred on West State Highway 11 by North Roherty Road in Plymouth Township, Rock County, Wisconsin. A red Chevrolet Silverado was traveling westbound on Highway 11, crossed the centerline, and crashed into an eastbound black Ford F550 head-on. The Chevrolet Silverado spun around and stopped in the middle of the road and caught on fire. The Ford F550 rolled into the ditch on the south side of the road. The driver and only occupant of the Chevrolet Silverado was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver and only occupant of the Ford F550 was transported to Mercy Hospital and Trauma Center in Janesville with serious injuries.

The Wisconsin State Patrol responded for crash reconstruction. The Rock County Highway Department responded to close West State Highway 11 between County Highway B and South Dunbar Road for approximately five hours while the crash scene was being investigated. Rock County Medical Examiner personnel also responded to investigate the death. The crash investigation is ongoing, and the medical examiner's office will release the name of the decedent at a later date.

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By: Sergeant Peter Falk 2nd Shift Patrol