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**MEDIA RELEASE**

Injury Traffic Crash

**For Immediate Release**

Date: 1-01-23

Case: SO2300010 and SO2300011

**Contact Person**

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On 1-01-23 at approximately 1:24 A.M., Rock County deputies were dispatched to N Hwy 14 and W Holt Rd in the Town of Union, for the report of a three-vehicle traffic crash. Additional personnel from the Evansville Police Department, Dane County Sheriff's Office as well as Evansville Fire Department, Brooklyn Fire Department, and Fitch-Rona Fire Department were dispatched to the scene.

Upon arrival and investigation, it was discovered a southbound SUV driven by a 23-year-old male from Brooklyn, WI lost control and began to slide sideways into the northbound lane of traffic. A northbound Rock County Highway Department plow truck driven by a 43-year-old male from Janesville, WI struck the SUV in the northbound lane. The SUV split into two pieces, the rear end went into the ditch on the west side of the roadway, the front end came to rest in the southbound lane of traffic. The driver of the SUV exited his vehicle and was standing in the roadway.

A second crash then occurred approximately 1-2 minutes later when another southbound car struck the front end of the vehicle in the southbound lane of traffic. The front end of the vehicle then struck the driver of the SUV and both entered the ditch on the east side of the roadway. The front end of the vehicle landed on top of the driver pinning him underneath.

The driver of the SUV sustained life-threatening injuries and was transported to UW Hospital in Madison, WI. He was arrested for 1<sup>st</sup> offense OWI. The driver of the plow truck was uninjured. The driver of the car sustained minor injuries and was treated on scene by EMS personnel and released.

N Hwy 14 was closed for approximately 2 hours as a result of the crash, which remains under investigation at this time. Slippery road conditions were also suspected to be a factor in the crash.

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