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Press Release

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On Thursday October 4, 2018 at 7:28am, the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office responded to a two vehicle crash on USH 63 at CTH G in the Town of Emerald.

Preliminary investigation and witness statement indicates a 2014 Ford Focus, being driven by Joshua J. Derrick, age 27 from New Richmond WI, was eastbound on CTH G. A 2002 Ford F350 Super Duty Truck, being driven by Brian W. Holldorf, age 49, of Baldwin, WI was northbound on USH 63. The Focus, driven by Derrick, failed to stop at the stop sign on CTH G. He struck the vehicle being driven by Holldorf. The Holldorf truck then rolled into the ditch on the northeast corner of the intersection and came to rest on its roof. The Derrick vehicle came to rest on the roadway of USH 63.

Derrick, who was wearing a seatbelt, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash by the St. Croix County Medical Examiner's Office.

Holldorf, who was wearing a seatbelt, was transported to Regions Hospital in St. Paul by Baldwin EMS with injuries.

The sun, as it was rising in the east, may have been a factor in this crash.

USH 63 was closed for approximately five (5) hours while deputies investigated the crash.

Assisting at the scene was the Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources, Baldwin EMS, United Fire & Rescue, St. Croix County Highway Dept., and the St. Croix County Medical Examiner.

This is the 7th traffic fatality of 2018.

The crash remains under investigation by the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office and the Medical Examiner's Office.

Note: Further inquiries to this crash investigation should be directed to Capt. Jeff Klatt at 715-760-2420.