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Press Release

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On Monday June 29, 2020, at approximately 5:15 a.m. the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office responded to the area of USH 63 and CTH E, for a one vehicle crash on CTH E approximately 1/10 of a mile east of USH 63 in Baldwin Township.

Preliminary investigation and statements from witnesses indicate a 2001 Dodge Grand Caravan, being driven by Gary J. Parent, age 70 from Emerald WI, was westbound on CTH E. The van drove into water that was flooding the roadway, lost control and entered the north ditch. The van then was inundated with water and was submerged becoming totally covered in water. He was rescued by members of United Fire and Rescue and transported to Western Wisconsin Health by Baldwin EMS where he was pronounced dead by the St. Croix County Medical Examiner. United Fire and Rescue was already in this area as several other cars had also become submerged in water and rescue efforts were underway with these cars.

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

This is the 1st traffic fatality in St. Croix County in 2020.

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