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Update on Head-on Crash November 8, 2017 on State Highway 34 in the Town of Eau Pleine

On November 8, 2017, at approximately 10:08 AM, the Portage County Sheriff's Office Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call of a two vehicle crash on State Highway 34 at Trelka Lane in the Town of Eau Pleine. Upon arrival, officers discovered that two vehicles has collided head-on at apparent highway speed.

Preliminary investigations show that a southbound Chevy Trailblazer, driven by 30 year old Troy Cotter from Elcho, Wisconsin, crossed the centerline into the path of a northbound Toyota Corolla, operated by 23 year old John Arendt from the Town of Plover in Portage County.

Arendt was trapped in his vehicle and had to be extricated by rescue crews. Both drivers were air flighted from the scene to area hospitals. Cotter was released that same day, but Arendt was admitted in critical condition. There is no update on his condition.

The crash remains under investigation by the Sheriff's Office's Technical Crash Investigation Team. There is no estimate as to when the investigation will be completed. No charges have been requested pending the conclusion of the investigation.

Assisting at the scene in addition to sheriff's deputies were units from the Rudolph Fire Department and Emergency Medical Responders, Portage County Ambulance, Plover Fire Department, Portage County Highway Department, and Ministry SPIRIT medical helicopters.

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