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Fatal Traffic Crash in the Town of Linwood One Vehicle Crash Claims the Life of a Marshfield Man

On August 28, 2018, at approximately 7:23 AM, the Portage County Sheriff's Office received a call of a one car crash on State Highway 66, approximately 1/10 of a mile west of County Highway PP in the Town of Linwood. Upon arrival, deputies found that the driver was unresponsive, and despite immediate life saving measures, the he was subsequently pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver was identified as 73 year old Dennis Hetchler from Marshfield. There were no other occupants of the vehicle.

The initial investigation showed the 2005 Chevrolet PT Cruiser was eastbound on Highway 66 approaching a curve in the roadway. The vehicle left the paved portion of the highway and entered the north ditch, where it struck the side of a driveway.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation by both the Portage County Sheriff's Office and the Portage County Coroner's Office. There have been four previous fatal crashes in Portage County in 2018, with two of them occurring in the Month of August.

Also assisting at the scene was the Wisconsin State Patrol and the Rudolph Fire and EMS Department.

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