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## News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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### Fatal Traffic Crash I-39 in the **City of Stevens Point**

Today at 8:46 AM, the Portage County Sheriff's Office Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call reporting a single vehicle crash on Interstate 39 near the Janick Circle overpass in the City of Stevens Point. Upon arrival, deputies discovered a Ford F-150 pickup truck off the road and up against a tree in the east ditch.

The driver was identified as 72 year old Carol Paur from Waupaca. She suffered severe trauma in the crash and was transported by ambulance to Saint Michael's Hospital, where she died from her injuries. Her husband, 61 year old Randolph Paur, was the passenger. He was also transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The crash remains under investigation by the Sheriff's Office, but preliminary reports show that the vehicle was traveling northbound when the driver lost control and the truck slid down into the ditch, striking the highway fence and two trees. It appears that excessive speed and slippery roadway conditions were factors in the crash.

The Stevens Point Police Department closed the northbound on-ramp from US Highway 10/State Highway 66 for approximately ½ hour. Also assisting at the scene were the Portage County Ambulance Service and the Stevens Point Fire Department, as well as the Town of Hull Fire Department and Emergency Medical Responders.

This is the first fatal traffic crash of 2017. There was only one fatality in 2016 and two in 2015. The Sheriff's Office reminds all motorists to slow down in inclement weather, expect changing roadway conditions, and always fasten your seat belt.

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