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Driver Identified in Saturday's Fatal Crash The Investigation is Concluded

On Saturday, April 29, 2017, at approximately 4:20 a. m., the Sheriff's Office Communications Center received a 911 call reporting a one vehicle crash on North Second Drive near Jordan Road, in the Town of Hull. Upon arrival Deputies found a 2011 Toyota Highlander on its roof in the yard of the 1500 block of North Second Drive.

Deputies checked on the driver, later identified as a 33 year old Deric Hahn from Manawa. He was deceased, and had obviously died as a result of the crash. No other occupants were found, and no other vehicles were involved.

Sheriff's Office crash investigators determined the vehicle was northbound on North Second Drive when the driver entered the east ditch. The vehicle continued northbound through a yard striking a decorative wall, a mailbox, and then a tree. The Toyota then flipped and landed on its roof.

Investigators determined that speed and alcohol were factors in the incident. This crash is the third fatal traffic collision in Portage County for 2017. Two of these events involved alcohol and all three involved excessive speed. There was only one fatal crash in Portage County in 2016 and two in 2015. The Sheriff's Office urges all motorists not to drive after consuming intoxicating beverages.

Deputies have completed their investigation. Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Mr. Hahn.