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MEDIA RELEASE

Double Fatal Newport Township Crash

On March 8, 2020, at approximately 6:45AM, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to West Russell Road and Delany Road in Newport Township, for a traffic crash with injuries. When sheriff's deputies arrived, they located a 2006 Infiniti sedan with major damage.

Northbound Delany Road reaches a dead-end at Russell Road, and drivers must turn left or right onto Russell Road. Preliminary investigation shows the Infiniti, driven by an adult male, was traveling northbound on Delany Road. As the vehicle approached Russell Road, the driver failed to reduce their speed, drove off the east side of the roadway into an embankment. This caused the Infiniti to go airborne for approximately 200 feet. The vehicle was airborne as it crossed Russell Road, before crashing to the ground.

The vehicle was occupied by the driver and an adult male front seat passenger. Both were pronounced deceased at the scene.

The Lake County Coroner's Office responded and is in the process of identifying the driver and passenger. Autopsies are scheduled for tomorrow morning.

Excessive speed appears to be a contributing factor in the crash.

The crash remains under investigation by the Lake County Sheriff's Office Technical Crash Investigations Unit.

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