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MEDIA RELEASE

Double-Fatal Newport Township Traffic Crash

On November 13, 2020, at approximately 7:15PM, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to West Russell Road east of Delany Road, Newport Township, for a traffic crash with injuries.

Sheriff's deputies arrived and found a 2006 Chevrolet Express and 2007 Chevrolet Trailblazer with heavy damage. Both vehicles were only occupied only by the drivers and both drivers sustained major injuries during the crash. Both drivers were pronounced deceased at the scene.

Preliminary investigation shows the Chevrolet Express, driven by a 79-year-old male of Zion, was traveling eastbound on Russell Road. The Chevrolet Trailblazer, driven by a 29-year-old man of Winthrop Harbor, was traveling westbound on Russell Road. For an unknown reason, the driver of the Chevrolet Trailblazer crossed the center lines, traveled into the eastbound lanes, and struck the Chevrolet Express head-on.

The Lake County Coroner's Office responded to the scene and scheduled an autopsy for Tuesday, November 17th.

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

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