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MEDIA RELEASE

Wrong-Way Driver Causes Double Fatal Crash

On January 9, 2023, at approximately 4:05 a.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to northbound Route 41, approximately ½ mile north of Stearns School Road, Unincorporated Gurnee, for a head-on traffic crash with injuries. Sheriff's deputies arrived and located a Nissan Altima and Ford Edge with major damage.

Preliminary investigation shows the driver of the Nissan, a 32-year-old man of Grayslake, was traveling southbound in the northbound lanes of traffic, at a high rate of speed. The Nissan struck a northbound Ford Edge, driven by a 54-year-old man of North Chicago. Following the impact, the Nissan caught on fire.

The driver of the Nissan was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver of the Ford was transported to Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville with critical injuries, but was pronounced deceased after arriving at the hospital.

Autopsies are being scheduled by the Lake County Coroner's Office.

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

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