

PLYMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

NEWS RELEASE

On 01/01/17 at approximately 0741 hrs the Plymouth County Communications Center received a call regarding a vehicle in the ditch along Hwy #12, a few miles north of the Woodbury/Plymouth County line. The same caller contacted the communication center with additional information stating that there were two individuals injured, one of which may be deceased.

Plymouth County Sheriff's Deputies, Iowa State Patrol, Akron Fire, Akron Ambulance and Siouxland Paramedics were dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival by first responders it was determined that a male individual needed immediate medical help, he was transferred to Mercy Medical Center by Akron Ambulance. A female subject was deceased at the scene.

A preliminary investigation at the scene has been able to determine that a 2003 Black Mitsubishi was northbound on Hwy #12, when the driver lost control of the vehicle causing it to enter the west ditch. The vehicle rolled several times before coming to rest. The driver was extricated by the Akron Fire Department and taken to Floyd Valley Hospital in LeMars. It is unknown at this time why the driver lost control of the vehicle. It is suspected that alcohol may have been a factor in the accident.

The Plymouth County Medical Examiner along with the State Medical Examiner's Office are assisting with the investigation. No information regarding the injured or the deceased is being released, until next of kin have been notified. The Plymouth County Sheriff's Office and the Iowa State Patrol are continuing their investigation in to the single vehicle crash.

Sheriff Mike Van Otterloo

Plymouth County

Accident Update Hwy 12

25 year old Samantha Joann Derner of Sioux City Iowa sustained fatal injuries resulting from a crash on 01-01-2017 in Plymouth County on Hwy 12. The other occupant of the vehicle, 25 year old Scott Allen Dennis of Sioux City Iowa sustained non-life threatening injuries from the accident. This accident is still under investigation by the Plymouth County Sheriff's Office.

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