

<u>Media Release</u>

On Monday February 6th, 2023 at approximately 7:52 p.m., Pierce County Sheriff's Office was notified of an accident involving four vehicles on State Road 35 near 1200th St. in Oak Grove Township.

It was determined a 2019 Dodge Ram operated by Douglas Whaley, 49 years old of Hager City, WI, was assisting in removing a 2010 Chrysler 300 operated by Brianna Cox, 24 years old of Prescott, WI, from the ditch when a 2022 Freightliner Box Truck operated by Alim Abdullah, 44 years old of Dallas, TX, was traveling northbound on STH 35 and struck the Dodge Ram. The box truck then struck a 2004 Pontiac Grand Am operated by Maunee Rasmusson-Waltman, 24 years old of Prescott, WI. The road conditions were icy at the time of the accident.

The 2019 Dodge Ram also had a 13 year old female passenger. The Box Truck had a passenger identified as Jvonta Carter, 30 years old of Dallas TX. The 2010 Chrysler 300 had a 3 week old infant passenger.

Mr. Whaley was transported by Allina EMS to Regions Hospital in St. Paul, MN where he was later pronounced deceased. The 13 year old passenger was transported by Ellsworth EMS to Regions Hospital, MN with undetermined injuries. The three week old infant was transported by Ellsworth EMS to Regina Hospital in Hastings, MN with undetermined injuries. Ms. Cox, Ms. Rasmusson-Waltman, Mr. Abdullah and Mr. Carter were not transported by EMS.

Pierce County Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by Prescott Police Department, Prescott Fire Department, Allina EMS and Ellsworth EMS.