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# Winnebago County Sheriff's Department



## News Release

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### **Winnebago County Sheriff's Department Conducts Fatal Accident Investigation**

On February 22, 2021, at approximately 6:30pm, Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the area of Linden Road and Appell Lane in Cherry Valley Township after a report of traffic crash. Upon arrival, deputies observed that a vehicle, with two occupants inside, had left the road and struck a tree. During the preliminary investigation, deputies determined that the vehicle was traveling east on Linden Road right before the crash. The male driver of the vehicle was pronounced deceased at the scene. A front seat passenger was transported to a Rockford hospital with life threatening injuries.

Linden Road between South Mulford and Perryville Roads was closed for several hours tonight so the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department could begin conducting an accident investigation. No further details are available at this time.

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