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## News Release

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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### FATAL ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

On Saturday, July 30, 2022 at 10:13p.m., Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 13500 Block of Freeport Road for a reported two vehicle traffic accident. Upon arrival, deputies discovered a white Ford F150 on its roof in the middle of the road and a maroon Chrysler Grand Caravan in the ditch. The driver of the Grand Caravan was pronounced deceased at the scene. The passenger of the Grand Caravan had to be extricated from the vehicle by Durand Fire and was airlifted by helicopter to a local hospital for reported serious but non-life threatening injuries. The driver of the Ford F150, Billy R. Adams, 63, of Freeport was not injured in the accident.

The Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office reviewed the case and authorized the following charges:

**Billy R. Adams, 63 of Freeport**

- Aggravated DUI casing of death
- Driving while Under the Influence
- Leaving the scene of an accident

The charges against Adams are merely allegations and are considered innocent until or unless proven guilty in the court of law.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department is conducting an investigation. No further details are available at this time.

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