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**PRESS RELEASE**

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On Wednesday, August 16, at 6:58 a.m., the Sioux County Sheriff's Office investigated a motor vehicle accident that occurred on Highway 75, two miles south Sioux Center, IA.

David Leraas, age 44, of Le Mars, IA was driving a 2007 Pontiac Grand Prix northbound on Highway 75. Ronnie Alexander, age 54, of Galva, IA was driving a 1999 Buick LeSabre northbound on Highway 75 behind Leraas. Joshua Schmitz, age 31, of Le Mars was driving a 2004 Dodge Dakota northbound on Highway 75 behind Alexander. Leraas stopped for a turning vehicle ahead of him and Schmitz struck Alexander. The impact pushed Alexander forward, striking Leraas.

No injuries were reported.

The Pontiac sustained approximately \$5,000 in damage. The Buick sustained an estimated \$4,000 in damage. The Dodge sustained approximately \$4,000 in damage.

Schmitz was cited for following too close.