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**PRESS RELEASE**

**12/18/17 7:00 pm**

On Monday, December 18, at 3:39 p.m., the Sioux County Sheriff's Office investigated a fatal motor vehicle accident that occurred at the intersection of Fig Avenue and 305<sup>th</sup> Street, just east of Rock Valley, IA.

Zachary Van Den Top, age 20, of Hull, IA was driving a 2005 Chrysler Pacifica southbound on Fig Avenue. Albert Van Zanten, age 84, of Rock Valley was driving a 2011 Ford F-150 westbound on 305<sup>th</sup> Street. Jerry Gladis, age 37, of Brandon, SD was driving a 2017 Savanna refrigerated food truck, also eastbound on 305<sup>th</sup> Street. Van Den Top failed to stop for the stop sign at 305<sup>th</sup> Street and struck the Van Zanten vehicle within the intersection. The impact forced Van Zanten's vehicle into the eastbound lane where it was struck by Gladis' vehicle.

Van Zanten and a passenger, Donald Postma, age 83, of Rock Valley were both transported by the Rock Valley Ambulance to Hegg Memorial Hospital in Rock Valley for treatment of their injuries. A passenger in the back seat of the Ford, Cornelius Van Zanten, age 89, of Rock Valley was transported by the Rock Valley Ambulance to Hegg Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead as a result of injuries sustained in the accident.

The Chrysler sustained approximately \$8,000 in damage. The Ford sustained an estimated \$25,000 in damage. The Savanna truck sustained approximately \$5,000 in damage.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Rock Valley Police Department, Rock Valley Fire Department and Rock Valley Ambulance.

The accident remains under investigation.