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**PRESS RELEASE**

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On Tuesday, April 18, at 6:38 a.m., the Sioux County Sheriff's office investigated a motor vehicle accident that occurred on 370<sup>th</sup> Street, five miles northeast of Sioux Center, IA.

Nicole Plendl, age 29, of Orange City, IA was driving a 2013 Ford F-150 westbound on 370<sup>th</sup> Street. Marleni Hernandez-Tomas, age 25, of Sioux Center was driving a 2008 Honda Odyssey minivan eastbound on 370<sup>th</sup> Street when she lost control of her vehicle, entered the westbound lane and struck Plendl. After the accident, Hernandez-Tomas entered the north ditch where the vehicle rolled.

Hernandez-Tomas became trapped in her vehicle and required extrication by fire and rescue personnel. She was transported by the Sioux Center Ambulance to the Sioux Center Hospital for treatment of her injuries and later transported to Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. Plendl and a one year old passenger were both transported by the Sioux Center Ambulance to the Sioux Center Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

The Ford sustained approximately \$15,000 in damage. The Honda sustained approximately \$10,000 in damage.

Hernandez-Tomas was cited for failing to maintain control of a motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Sioux Center Fire Department, Sioux Center Rescue and Sioux Center Ambulance, Sioux Center Police Department and the Iowa State Patrol.

