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PRESS RELEASE

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On Thursday, May 18, at 12:15 p.m., the Sioux County Sheriff's Office investigated a motor vehicle accident that occurred on Highway 10, one mile west of Orange City, IA.

Deb Stevens, age 63, of Paullina, was driving a 1998 Honda Accord westbound on Highway 10. Keith Scholten, age 40, of Orange City was driving a 2014 Ford F150 pickup westbound on Highway 10 behind Stevens. Justine Van Sloten, age 20, of Maurice, IA was driving a 2001 Oldsmobile Intrigue eastbound on Highway 10. Stevens crossed the center of the roadway and struck Van Sloten. After the accident, The Oldsmobile rolled onto its top on the roadway and Scholten drove into the south ditch to avoid striking the vehicles.

Stevens and Van Sloten were both trapped in their vehicles and required extrication by fire department personnel. Both were transported by the Orange City Ambulance to the Orange City Hospital for treatment of serious injuries. Van Sloten was later flown to Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD and then on to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

The Honda sustained approximately \$5,000 in damage. The Oldsmobile sustained an estimated \$3,000 in damage. The Ford sustained approximately \$50 in damage.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Orange City Fire Department, Orange City Ambulance, Orange City Police Department and the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Stevens was cited for failing to yield half the roadway.