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PRESS RELEASE

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On Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 1:25 p.m. the Sioux County Sheriff's Office received a report of an accident that occurred at the intersection of Grant Avenue and 500th Street, three miles south of Maurice, IA.

Michael Alons, age 61, of rural Sheldon, IA was driving a 2009 T600 Kenworth truck pulling a 2015 Walinga grain trailer westbound on 500th St. The trailer was fully loaded with feed. Mark Grosenheider, age 54, of Le Mars, IA was driving a Dodge Dakota pickup southbound on Grant Ave. The pickup struck the grain trailer, became wedged underneath it and was drug several hundred feet west on 500th St. The pickup started on fire and became fully engulfed in flames with the driver trapped inside.

Alons was transported to the Sheldon hospital by the Sioux Center ambulance for a precautionary checkup. Grosenheider died at the scene from injuries sustained in the accident.

The Walinga trailer, owned by Hartog Elevator Inc of Sanborn, IA sustained approximately \$100,000 in damage and the Dodge Dakota was a complete loss. The year and owner of the pickup has not been able to be determined at this time because of the severity of the fire.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Maurice first responders, Maurice Fire Dept, Sioux Center Ambulance, and the Iowa State Patrol.

This accident remains under investigation.

