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**PRESS RELEASE**

**12/9/18 2:00 pm**

On Saturday, December 8, at 2:43 a.m., the Sioux County Sheriff's Office investigated a motor vehicle accident that occurred on Highway 75, four miles northwest of Hull, IA.

Melina Thie, age 18, of Sioux Falls, SD was driving a 2010 Ford Focus northbound on Highway 75 when she lost control of the vehicle, entered the west ditch and rolled.

Thie was transported by the Hull Ambulance to Hegg Memorial Health Center in Rock Valley for treatment of minor injuries.

The Ford sustained approximately \$3,000 in damage.

Thie was cited for failing to maintain control of a motor vehicle. Alcohol and distracted driving are believed to be a factor and the accident remains under investigation.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Hull Fire Department and Hull Ambulance.