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**PRESS RELEASE**

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On Wednesday, December 12, at 2:11 p.m., the Sioux County Sheriff's Office investigated a motor vehicle accident that occurred at the intersection of 420<sup>th</sup> Street and Eagle, four miles north of Ireton, IA.

Vicki Hodgson, age 70, of Ireton was driving a 2017 Toyota Rav4 westbound on 420<sup>th</sup> Street. William Schlichte, age 60, of Le Mars, IA was driving a 1995 Freightliner straight truck northbound on Eagle Avenue. Hodgson failed to yield for the stop sign at Eagle Avenue, entered the intersection and the two struck. The Freightliner came to rest on its side in the intersection.

Hodgson was transported by the Ireton Ambulance to the Sioux Center Hospital for treatment of her injuries. A passenger in the Toyota was transported by Ireton Ambulance to the Hawarden Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Schlichte was transported by private vehicle to the Sioux Center Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

The Toyota sustained approximately \$15,000 in damage. The Freightliner sustained approximately \$20,000 in damage.

The accident remains under investigation.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Ireton Fire Department, Ireton Ambulance and Sioux County Conservation.

