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**PRESS RELEASE**

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On Thursday, April 12, at 3:56 p.m., the Sioux County Sheriff's Office investigated a motor vehicle accident that occurred on Highway 18, two miles east of Hull, IA.

Ian Van Grootheest, age 15, of Hull was driving a 2009 Chevrolet Colorado southbound on a residence driveway. Vernon Van Beek, age 66, of Inwood, IA was driving a 2004 Dodge Ram towing a field cultivator westbound on Highway 18. Van Grootheest entered Highway 18, attempted to turn left and was struck by Van Beek. After the accident, the Dodge and the cultivator became detached, entered the south ditch and came to rest in a field. The Chevrolet entered the north ditch.

Van Grootheest was transported by the Hull Ambulance to the Sioux Center Hospital. He was later flown to Avera McKennan Hospital for further treatment of his injuries.

The Chevrolet sustained approximately \$20,000 in damage. The Dodge sustained an estimated \$15,000 in damage. The field cultivator sustained approximately \$500 in damage.

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

The accident remains under investigation.