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Traffic Fatality

On September 29, 2014 at 10:44 A.M. the Buena Vista County Communications Center received a 911 call reporting a two vehicle accident that had occurred a ½ mile east of County Road M-50 on 570th Street, northeast of Storm Lake. The caller reported a collision between a pickup truck and a passenger car that had occurred on the gravel road with several occupants injured.

Emergency services were dispatched to the scene and upon arrival, Buena Vista County deputies discovered that a head on collision had occurred between a westbound pickup truck and eastbound passenger car at the crest of a hill on the gravel road.

The pickup truck was driven by **Kent Erickson**, age 43 of rural Albert City, who suffered minor injuries in the accident. The passenger in the Erickson vehicle, **Trent Jackson** age 49 of rural Alta, Iowa, was trapped in the vehicle and had to be extricated by rescue personnel from the Newell and Storm Lake Fire Departments having suffered incapacitating injuries.

The passenger car was driven by a 17 year old male from Sioux Rapids, Iowa and was pronounced dead at the scene. Also pronounced dead at the scene of the accident was a 16 year old female from Marathon, Iowa who was a passenger in the passenger car. Also injured in the passenger car was a 15 year old female from rural Storm Lake who suffered serious injuries and was life flighted from the scene by Mercy Air Care and transported to Sioux City. Also injured in the car was **Rose Joens**, age 19 of Schaller, Iowa who suffered serious injuries and was transported to the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center by ambulance.

The names of fatalities are being withheld pending notification of next of kin. Assisting at the scene were the Iowa State Patrol, the Newell Fire Department, the Storm Lake Fire Department, the Newell Ambulance, Buena Vista Regional Medical Center Paramedics, and the Buena Vista County Medical Examiner's Office.

The investigation is continuing at this time by the Buena Vista County Sheriff's Office and the Iowa State Patrol.