

NEWSRELEASE

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Traffic Fatality

According to Buena Vista County Sheriff Kory Elston, at approximately 12:05am on May 3rd, 2015, the Buena Vista County Communications Center received information a vehicle accident with injuries approximately ¼ of a mile west of the intersection of 250th Ave and C49 in Buena Vista County. Upon the arrival of Emergency Services, it was discovered that a head-on collision had occurred between a westbound Terra-Gator and an eastbound pickup truck.

The driver of the pickup truck, 40 year old **David Unger** of Albert City, Iowa, had to be extricated by rescue personnel from the Newell Fire Department. Unger was transported to the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center by ambulance, and later air lifted to Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa. Unger was later pronounced dead at Mercy Medical Center. The front seat passenger of the pickup, 29 year old **David Redecop** of Albert City, Iowa, was transported to the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center by ambulance with non-life threatening injuries. The driver of the Terra-Gator, 25 year old Ethan Johnson of Jolley, Iowa, was not injured. Ethan Johnson was operating the Terra-Gator for Jondle Enterprises Inc. of Manson, Iowa.

This accident is still under investigation.

The Buena Vista County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center Ambulance, Iowa State Patrol, Pocahontas County Sheriff's Office, Newell Fire Department, Newell Ambulance, Fonda Police Department, Fonda Fire Department, Fonda Ambulance, and the Varina Fire Department.