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MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: November 26, 2009
EVENT: Fatal Accident
LOCATION: County of Kenosha
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Today at 12:53 PM Kenosha Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of reckless driver traveling eastbound on CTH K (60 st) east of USH 45. Reportedly the driver had been weaving all over the roadway. A motorist who was nearly struck by the offending vehicle, reported the erratic driving, and began following the offender ('97 Chevy Lumina).

As the deputy approached the area eastbound on CTH K, he observed the Lumina up ahead. At the 13800 blk of CTH K, the Lumina went left of center and sideswiped a westbound Ford Escort. The driver of the Lumina then veered head-on into a westbound Ford F450 pick-up truck. The collision was severe. The driver of the Chevy Lumina had to be extricated from the vehicle by Fire and Rescue personnel. He was flighted to Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee where he was pronounced deceased upon his arrival. The (deceased) offending driver was identified as **John E. Rukstales (24)** of Kenosha.

The driver of the Ford F-450 (Cable truck) sustained only a minor ankle injury and was not transported by rescue. The driver of the Ford Escort was uninjured.

There were indications that the offending driver may have been impaired by some type of an intoxicant. This case remains under investigation; however no criminal charges are expected.

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