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PRESS RELEASE-FATAL CRASH ON 5-3-2025

On Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, at 7:41 PM, the Polk County Sheriff's Office Emergency Call Center received a report of a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Hwy 8 and Hwy 65. A Pickup Truck pulling a trailer was northbound on Hwy 65, ran the stop sign at Hwy 8 and was struck by a westbound passenger car. Both vehicles were only occupied by the drivers. The driver of the pickup truck, 40-year-old Melissa Johnson from rural Luck, WI was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver of the westbound car was transported by air ambulance to regions hospital with serious injuries. The crash remains under investigation by the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

Polk County Sheriff's Office would like to thank Lakes Region EMS, Apple River Fire Department, Life Link Air Ambulance, and the Polk County Medical Examiner for their assistance with this crash.