



Isabella County Sheriff's Department

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To: Area media

From: Sheriff Leo Mioduszewski *LM* (pronounced—"med-a-sheski")

Re: 2-vehicle traffic crash

THE ISABELLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS INVESTIGATING A TWO-CAR TRAFFIC CRASH THAT OCCURRED THIS MORNING.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 8:25 am.

LOCATION: The accident occurred on E. Deerfield Rd. and S. Lincoln Rd., Union Township, Isabella County.

VEHICLES INVOLVED: 1) 2005 Dodge Durango driven by Joshua Jordan Betts, 23 years old from Mt. Pleasant, MI

2) 1998 Chevrolet pickup driven by Joseph Dale Recker, 30 years old from Mt. Pleasant, MI

PASSENGER(S): Ella Hope Recker, 3 years old from Mt. Pleasant, MI and Lilly Jo Recker, just under one year old from Mt. Pleasant, MI. Both were passengers in Joseph Recker's pickup. Neither of them received serious injuries.

INFORMATION: The Isabella County Sheriff's Department responded to a two-car traffic crash on E. Deerfield Rd. at S. Lincoln Rd. this morning. A vehicle driven by Joshua Betts was traveling east on Deerfield Rd. and did not stop at the stop sign at Lincoln Rd. and ended up hitting a vehicle driven by Joseph Recker, who was traveling north on Lincoln Rd. Both vehicles ran off the road and hit a tree.

Joshua Betts was trapped in his car and had to be extricated by the Mt. Pleasant Fire Department. He sustained leg injuries and other possible injuries as a result of the accident. He was flown by LifeNet to Covenant Hospital. None of his injuries are expected to be life-threatening. The Recker's had minor injuries and were transported to McLaren-Central Michigan by MMR.

ASSISTED BY: The Sheriff's Department was assisted at the scene by Shepherd Police Department, Mt. Pleasant Fire Department, LifeNet and Mobile Medical Response (MMR).

**The accident remains under investigation by the
Isabella County Sheriff's Department.**