



NEWS RELEASE

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Case No. 16-5415

On April 9, 2016 at approximately 9:31 a.m., Portage Police and Fire units were dispatched to an injury accident on U.S. 131, south of Centre Street. Once on scene, it was learned that a 2001 Ford pickup truck that was traveling southbound had left the roadway and rolled multiple times into a wooded area to the west of the freeway. The lone occupant of the vehicle, a 57-year-old Ravenna, Michigan man, was transported to Bronson Hospital and was listed in critical condition.

The driver of the vehicle, Harry Eschman, subsequently died while being treated at Bronson Hospital. It is unknown at this time whether an underlying medical condition factored into this accident. The investigation is ongoing, and an autopsy has been ordered.

Anyone with information regarding this accident is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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