



OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE
KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: 8/9/17
Complaint Number: 17-239197
Type of Incident: Fatal Accident
Reporting Deputy: Deputy Steve Lemmen
Supervisor Approval: Sgt. Pete Gerkin

On 8/9/17 at 1331 hours Kent County Sheriff Deputies responded to a 3-car injury accident at the intersection of Byron Center Ave and 76th St SW in Byron Township. Deputies located 4 injured persons who were all transported to Metro Hospital by AMR Ambulance.

The investigation revealed a 2017 Cadillac SUV driven by 83 year old Bruce Fase of Ada was travelling southbound on Byron Center Ave and struck a 1998 Dodge Durango driven by 61 year old Timothy Daymon of Byron Center. The Cadillac then struck a northbound 2017 Jeep driven by 75 year old Gerrit Scholten of Byron Center.

As a result of the collisions all three drivers were transported with non-life threatening injuries. A passenger in the Cadillac, 76 year old Ruth Prusinski of Ada was transported with life threatening injuries and was pronounced deceased at Metro Hospital.

Alcohol is not believed to be a factor and the accident is under investigation.

Assisting agencies were AMR Ambulance and the Byron Fire Department.