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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: 05/01/2018
Complaint Number: 18-120973
Type of Incident: Fatal Traffic Accident
Reporting Officer: Deputy E. Toonstra and E. Eaton
Supervisor Approval: Sgt. Eric. Rakow

On Tuesday May 1, 2018 at approximately 3:00PM the Kent County Sheriff's Department responded to a fatal crash on Grand River Avenue between Bewell and Gulliford Roads in Lowell Township. The initial investigation revealed that a 2017 Jeep driven by Judith Thumser, 83yo from Lowell, was eastbound on Grand River. Witnesses at the scene said a tree fell and hit another tree. The second tree fell on windshield and roof of Thumser's vehicle. The passenger Howard Thumser, 90yo from Lowell, was pronounced deceased at the scene of the accident. Grand River Avenue was closed for an extended time during the investigation and while the Kent County Road Commission removed the fallen tree from the roadway.

The accident is still under investigation. Alcohol and excessive speed do not appear to be factors.



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Traffic Crash Supplement

Incident # 18-120973 Date: 05/01/2018 Time of Incident: 0250 Township: 13 - Lowell
 Type of Incident: Fatal Vehicle Crash Location: Grand River between Bewell and Gulliford
 Reporting Officer: Deputy E. Toonstra and E. Eaton Assisting Departments: Lowell Fire Dept., Rockford Ambulance,
 Release Completed By: Sgt Eric Rakow and Kent County Road Commission

Fire ___ Ambulance ___ Helicopter ___ Other Police Agencies ___ Utilities etc.

ALCOHOL Contributing Factor?
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Vehicles

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Veh: 1 Make: Jeep Model: Sta Wgn Yr: 2017
 Driver: Judith Thumser Age: 83
 City: Lowell Twp: _____ State: MI
 Injuries: minor Seatbelt: Y N UNK
 _____ Direction of Travel: E/B
 Hospital: Spectrum/BW/DT Transport By: Rockford Ambulance

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 Driver: _____ Age: _____
 City: _____ Twp: _____ State: _____
 Injuries: _____ Seatbelt: Y N UNK
 _____ Direction of Travel: _____
 Hospital: _____ Transport By: _____

Relatives Notified YES Names Can Be Released YES

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Passengers

Name: Howard Thumser Age: 90
 City: Lowell Twp: _____ State: MI
 Injuries: fatal Seatbelt:
 Hospital: _____ Transport By: _____

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