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NEWS RELEASE

On Monday, 09-16-24 at approximately 7:23 am, the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office responded to a two-vehicle crash on CTH E and Jay Rd. in the Town of Fredonia. It was reported a bus was struck and rolled over.

Deputies located a 2018 black Jeep Grand Cherokee with significant front-end damage in the roadway and a 2021 school bus resting on its passenger side in the west ditch on CTH E. Initial investigation determined the Jeep Grand Cherokee was travelling eastbound on Jay Rd. when it failed to stop at the stop sign at CTH E. The Jeep travelled through the intersection and struck the bus in the center of the driver's side as it was travelling northbound on CTH E. The bus spun 180 degrees, overturned onto its passenger side and came to a final resting point in the ditch line facing south.

The bus was a Random Lake School District bus occupied by 36 students ranging from elementary school to high school age. The bus was driven by 53-year-old Mark Hall of West Bend who is an employee of the Random Lake School District. Hall had minor injuries and was transported to a local hospital.

The Jeep Grand Cherokee was driven by 32-year-old Becka Stevenson of West Bend. The Jeep was also occupied by 33-year-old Luis Vargas of Random Lake. Both Stevenson and Vargas received minor injuries and were transported to a local hospital.

The students on the bus were evacuated through the roof and rear emergency exits. Eight (8) students were injured and transported by ambulance to local hospitals and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. Their injuries ranged from minor to serious; however, none of the injuries were life threatening. The students who were not injured were picked up by their parents at the scene of the crash. Some students were later brought to local hospitals by their parents as a precautionary measure.

A citation for Failure to Yield from a Stop Sign will be issued to the driver of the Jeep Grand Cherokee and additional investigation is pending.

The Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office is working jointly with the Random Lake School District to keep staff, students, and parents informed and updated.

The Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office Crash Reconstruction Team, Drone Team, and Division of Emergency Management assisted with the incident along with the following agencies: the Fredonia Fire Department, Waubeka Fire Department, Cedarburg Fire Department, Grafton Fire Department, Saukville Fire Department, Port Washington Fire Department, Southern Ozaukee Fire Department, Fillmore Fire Department, Newburg Fire Department, Random Lake Fire Department, Kewaskum Fire Department, West Bend Fire Department, Plymouth Fire Department, Jackson Fire Department, Fredonia Marshals Office, Saukville Police Department, Port Washington Police Department, and the Wisconsin State Patrol. Flight for Life was contacted; however, cancelled per medical staff on scene.

The Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office would like to remind drivers that it is their responsibility to be aware of the road and weather conditions, their surroundings, and make sure their attention is directed to operating in a safe manner.