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## IMMEDIATE USE PRESS RELEASE

TYPE: Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident

DATE OF RELEASE: March 6, 2018

DATE AND TIME OCCURRED: March 6, 2018 at approximately 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: County Road 571 near Meyers Rd., Excelsior Twp., Kalkaska County, MI

VICTIM: 16 Year Old Male from Kalkaska, MI  
16 Year Old Female from Mancelona, MI  
46 Year Old Male from Kalkaska, MI

INFORMATION: Sheriff Pat Whiteford reports that on 3/6/18 at approximately 4:30 p.m., Kalkaska Central Dispatch received a 911 call from motorist regarding an accident on County Road 571 approximately 1/8 of a mile north of Meyers Rd. Kalkaska Sheriff's Deputies responded to the accident scene and found that a 2011 Ford Focus, Silver in color, was driven by a 16 year old male from Kalkaska. The driver lost control of the Focus as he and his 16 year old female passenger were traveling northbound on County Rd 571. The Focus crossed the centerline and crashed into American Waste Garbage truck traveling southbound driven by a 46 year old male from Alden.

The 16 year old male was pronounced deceased at the scene, the 16 year old female was transported to Munson Medical Center in critical condition and the 46 year old male was medically cleared and released at the scene.

Deputies from the Kalkaska Sheriff Office, Frederic EMS, Station 6 Rescue and Fire and Station 7 Fire personnel responded to the scene to assist.

Deputies have determined that speed was a factor in the crash. Alcohol was not believed to be a factor.

APPROVED BY:

PAT WHITEFORD, SHERIFF