



# *Kane County Sheriff's Office*



## *PRESS RELEASE*

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Date: 2/27/13

Location: Rt 64 west of Peplow Rd in unincorporated Virgil Township

Time: Reported 7:30 pm\*\*\*Updated 1:30pm\*\*\*

Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash\*\*\*Update 11 year old identified\*\*\*

### **SYNOPSIS**

On 2/27/13 at approximately 7:30 pm a Kane County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a traffic crash with injuries on Rt 64 west of Peplow Rd in unincorporated Virgil Township.

The initial investigation indicates that three vehicles were stopped westbound on Rt. 64 due to a traffic backup for an accident about a mile west of this crash scene. A fourth vehicle, a Ford Expedition, was also westbound on Rt. 64 and failed to stop for the other vehicles and struck the rear of a Chevy Cavalier. That caused the Cavalier to strike a Buick Lucerne. The Buick went off the roadway on the north shoulder and the Cavalier continued forward and struck the rear of a Hyundai.

All three occupants of the Cavalier were transported to Kishwaukee Hospital. The back seat passenger, an 11 year old Sycamore resident, was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The other two occupants were treated for non-life threatening injuries. The drivers of the other vehicles were the sole occupants of their respective vehicles and were treated and released at the scene.

The roadways had become covered by blowing and drifting snow at the time of the crash. It appears that all parties were wearing their seat belts. The Sheriff's Office is continuing its investigation into this crash and have not determined if the use of drugs or alcohol or texting played a role in this crash. The driver of the Expedition was issued citations for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. No other citations were issued. Rt 64 was closed between Peplow and Fabris for approximately four hours while the crash was investigated.

- 1999 Ford Expedition Driver Benjamin Black 8/9/84 of the 1600 Block of Spark Hayes Dr. in Sycamore
- 2006 Buick Lucerne Colin Matthews 7/28/57 of the 1500 block of Stonehenge Dr. Sycamore II
- 2004 Hyundai Robert Grubbs 1/3/58 of the 300 block of Maplewood Rd Sycamore II
- 1999 Cavalier Driver-Nicholas Weber 10/7/91 of the 300 block of Parker St Sycamore
  - Back seat passenger- Matthew Ranken 11 years old Sycamore (deceased)
  - Front Seat passenger Teale Noble 9/15/94 of the 300 block of E. Sycamore Dr Sycamore II

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The Sheriff's Office was in contact with the Sycamore School District, where the deceased was enrolled as a student, so they could have a plan in place to help students at the child's school deal with the tragic news.

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