

# EAU CLAIRE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## MEDIA RELEASE

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On Tuesday, December 20, 2011, at 6:49 PM, deputies from Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office responded to a one-vehicle crash in the 6500 block of Walnut Road in the town of Washington. There were five occupants in the vehicle. Three occupants were transported to area hospitals to be treated for injuries sustained from the crash. Two occupants died as a result of the crash.

Investigation revealed a vehicle driven by Austin E. Gable (age 14) of Strum, WI, was traveling in the 6500 Block of Walnut Road. The vehicle left the roadway and struck a grouping of trees. Makena K. Johnson (age 13) of Eleva, WI, was a passenger in the vehicle. Gable and Johnson died as a result of injuries sustained in the crash.

Additional occupants in the vehicle were Felicia L. Bertrang (age 16) of Strum, WI, Marco O. Perez (age 15) of Strum, WI, and Ulises Ponce (age 13) of Strum, WI. These occupants were transported to areas hospitals for injuries received from the crash.

On December 21, 2011, Marco Perez died as a result of injuries he received from the crash.

The crash is under investigation by Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office. Further details of the crash will be released once the investigation is concluded.