

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



MEDIA RELEASE

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Eau Claire Sheriff's deputies responded to a two vehicle crash on CTH HH and Lowes Creek Road in the Town of Pleasant Valley Saturday afternoon.

Preliminary investigation shows that a truck driven by 69 year old David H Johnson of Eleva was westbound on CTH HH, preparing to turn left onto Lowes Creek Road. A truck following Johnson, operated by 27 year old Amos O Laufenberg of Eau Claire, had initiated a pass upon Johnson's vehicle, and was struck by Johnson as he began his turn to the left. The impact sent Laufenberg's truck out of control, causing it to roll over, and ejecting Laufenberg from the vehicle.

Johnson was not injured. Laufenberg was airlifted from the scene to a local hospital with unknown injuries. Laufenberg's passenger, 26 year old Brian W. Sommer of Eleva, was transported by ground ambulance to a local hospital with unknown injuries. Neither occupant of Laufenberg's vehicle was wearing seatbelts.

The Eau Claire Sheriff's Office continues its investigation into further contributing factors. Laufenberg was cited for Causing Injury by Operating a Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence of Alcohol.

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