

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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On Friday, July 1, 2016 the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a crash on Hwy 85 west of Hwy 37. Witnesses reported that a vehicle left the road and rolled over into a pond across from the Hwy 85 wayside. Several passers-by attempted to reach the vehicle but found the water was too deep.

The first deputy on scene reported that the vehicle was completely submerged and not visible from the shore. A license plate found at the scene allowed investigators to determine who the vehicle was registered to. Crews from the Township Fire Department and the Eau Claire Fire Department, assisted by A to Z Towing were able to remove the vehicle from the water. 20 year old Shania Felton and her 3 year old daughter Taylor Thompson were transported to Sacred Heart Hospital. Both were later pronounced deceased.

The Wisconsin State Patrol assisted with traffic control and mapping the scene of the crash. Investigation as to the cause of the crash is continuing.