



Adams County Sheriff's Office

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PRESS RELEASE

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RE: Fatality Accident Hatton Road at Linda Lane

The Adams County Sheriff's Office is investigating a fatality accident that occurred on Monday July 5th, 2010 at about 4:34pm. The accident location is located about 3 miles south and 2 miles west of Othello, near Hatton Road and Linda Lane.

The vehicle involved is a 2008 Chevrolet Impala and was being driven by Brittney R. Almaguer 20 years old of Othello. Also in the vehicle were two 17 year old girls from Othello.

This vehicle was in the area of Miller Road and Hatton Road lighting off fireworks near a wheat field. A land owner observed this and went to that location. The vehicle left upon seeing the land owner. Near McKinney Road and Hatton Road the land owner parked his vehicle in front of the Chevrolet. The Chevrolet then backed away and turned, leaving at a high rate of speed. The land owner did not give chase but followed losing sight of the vehicle due to the speed. The vehicle then went to Hatton Road and turned east onto Hatton Road. Near Linda Lane the Chevrolet veered to the north side of the road and lost control going through a barbed wire fence and came to rest in a field after rolling.

The driver of the Chevrolet was Ms. Almaguer and she was ejected from the vehicle. Emergency workers at the scene and Medstar staff who arrived worked on Ms. Almaguer who was pronounced dead at the scene. Ms. Almaguer was not wearing a seat belt.

The two 17 year old girls in the vehicle both had seat belts on and received minor injuries. They were transported by the Othello ambulance to the Othello Community Hospital and treated and released.

Investigators found fireworks, alcohol and a small amount of marijuana in the vehicle. The Adams County Coroner will determine if an autopsy will be performed. The investigation is continuing.