

**ONEIDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE** 

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## NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release - Sunday, August 5, 2018

Town of Nokomis - On Saturday, August 4, 2018, at approximately 7:53 p.m., the Oneida County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call of a UTV crash on The Point Road East in the town of Nokomis. The UTV left the roadway and struck a tree off the side of the road. The passenger passed away at the scene from injuries sustained as a result of the accident. The operator was also seriously injured.

It was determined the operator was under the influence of intoxicants at the time of the accident. The driver will be receiving Department of Natural Resource citations for UTV Intoxicated Operation Refusal. Operating a UTV without each person wearing a safety belt, operating a UTV while under the influence of an intoxicant and operating a UTV in a careless manner. A charge of Homicide by Intoxicated Use of a Vehicle will be forwarded to the District Attorney.

The operator of the UTV was identified as Brenda Reiche, 47, of Weston. The deceased passenger has been identified as Adam Rietz, 49, of Athens.

Oneida County Deputies along with EMS, Nokomis Fire Department, Nokomis First Responders, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the Oneida County Medical Examiner's Office responded to the scene. The Oneida County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Oneida County Medical Examiner's Office are continuing their investigation into the events surrounding the fatality crash.

Any media requesting additional information about this incident should contact Oneida County Captain Tyler Young 715-490-1454.

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