ONEIDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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For Immediate Release: Update November 11, 2026

The operator that was involved in the fatal motor vehicle accident on Monday, November 9, 2026, is identified as 18-year-old Austin J. Wanty of Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

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On Monday November 9, 2026, at approximately 9:52 p.m., the Oneida County Sheriff's Office was notified of a single vehicle vs tree accident on S River Rd near Healy Lake Rd in the Town of Crescent. During the initial investigation, it was learned that the involved pickup truck, a 1997 GMC Sierra, was traveling northbound on South River Rd and lost control navigating a sharp corner. The pickup trucks operator was an 18-year-old male who was ejected from the vehicle. Life saving measures were attempted, however the operator was pronounced deceased at the scene. No other occupants were in the vehicle that was involved. Speed is believed to be a factor in the cause of the accident. The name of the subject will not be released until proper notifications are given to family.

The Oneida County Sheriff's Office is completing the accident report.

On scene assisting the Oneida County Sheriff's Office included personnel from the Crescent Fire Department, Rhinelander Fire Department, Crescent first responders, Oneida County Ambulance Medic-1, and the Oneida County Medical Examiner's Office.

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