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Maxwell father, son killed

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A Maxwell man and his teenage son were killed and his wife was seriously injured in a two-car accident on the county blacktop road north of Maxwell about 7 p.m. Friday.

The Iowa Highway Patrol said Ernest Edwin Heckart, 16, was pronounced dead on arrival at Story County hospital in Nevada, and his father, Ernest LeRoy Heckart, 38, died there approximately 9:45 p.m.

Mrs. Frances Heckart was reported in "serious" condition with facial lacerations, possible fractures and shock.

The driver of the other car, Steven F. Kimberly, 23, rural Maxwell, escaped with a broken nose.

The accident occurred, the patrolman said, when Kimberly attempted to pass on a hill with his 1965 Pontiac and sideswiped Heckart's 1958 Chevrolet. There was an estimated \$8-900 damage to the Pontiac. The Chevrolet was termed a total loss.

Kimberly appeared in Justice of the Peace Howard Mill's court in Nevada Friday night and was charged with improper passing.

The deaths and another traffic fatality near Walford early today sent Iowa's traffic death count to 113, 32 less than a year ago.

Killed near Walford was Richard Greene, 26, of Norway, who died when his car went off Iowa 149 at the south edge of Walford.

Services for Heckart and his son are pending notification of the family's relatives in Ottumwa. The family had moved to Maxwell from Ottumwa a year ago.