

Man involved in high-speed chase crashes into another vehicle; woman killed

A man who had earlier fled from Story County deputies ran a stop sign in Hamilton County and struck an oncoming car broadside Friday, Sept. 27, killing one person and injuring two others.

The Story County Sheriff's office reported that Michael Vincent Dunn, 39, Marana, AZ, was clocked on radar near Story City on 130th Street (E-18) at 85 miles per hour. Dunn turned off on E-18 onto I-35 and went northbound into Hamilton County on I-35 with deputies in pursuit.

Hamilton County deputies and troopers from the Iowa State Patrol were notified and getting into position to assist before the Story County deputies terminated the pursuit. Officers in the area continued to look for the suspect vehicle, approximately four minutes after the chase was stopped, the crash was discovered at the intersection of Hwy. 175 and Zublin in Hamilton County.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. Dunn's car struck a westbound vehicle on Hwy. 175 driven by Lisa Oetken, 18, Akron. Oetken was pronounced dead at the scene.

Hollie Frerichs and Ashley Caskey, both 18 and from Akron, were seriously injured and transported to Ames.

Frerichs was transferred to Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines by helicopter, while Caskey was treated for her injuries at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames. Dunn also sustained injuries and was transported to the Webster City Hospital for treatment.

The Iowa State Patrol is investigating the crash, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is investigating criminal charges against Dunn, and the Story County Sheriff's Office will be charging Dunn with traffic offenses during the initial pursuit.