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**Double Fatality on I-39 Following Wrong Way Crash Impaired Driver**

Township of Coloma, Wis. — The Waushara County Sheriff’s Office is investigating a fatal two-vehicle crash that claimed two lives in the late night hours of Thursday, July 17, 2025, On Interstate 39 in the Township of Coloma.

At approximately 11:23 p.m., the Waushara County Sheriff’s Office received multiple 911 calls reporting a vehicle traveling northbound in the soutbound lanes of I-39 near mile marker 124. While deputies were responding to that location at 11:29 pm a crash was reported near mile marker 125. This crash was located by responding deputies to be in the northbound lane of traffic.

The northbound driver, Scott Overfelt, age 59, of Wisconsin Rapids, WI was pronounced dead at the scene by the Waushara County Medical Examiner.

The wrong way driver, identified as Dana Markko, Age 39, of Amherst, WI was initially transported to UW-Health in Madison with serious injuries. Markko died of her injuries on July 19, 2025.

Preliminary investigation, supported by witness statements, toxicology testing, and scene investigation confirms that Markko was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the crash.

“This was a tragic and entirely preventable event,” said Waushara County Sheriff Wally Zuehlke. “Two lives are now lost-one an innocent motorist, the other a result of impaired and reckless decision making. We extend our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones affected by this devastating incident.”

The crash remains under investigation by the Waushara County Crash Reconstruction Team.

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