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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Update- July 7, 2019**

**\*The name of the motorcyclist that was killed in the crash is Dustin Edward Kalland, Age 39, from Stillwater MN.**

**\*The driver of the 2003 Jeep Liberty is Brandon Michael Lieffring, Age 37, from New Richmond WI.**

On Saturday July 6, 2019, at about 4:12pm, the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to an incident in the 2000 block of STH 65, in Star Prairie Township. The complainant reported a 2013 Jeep Liberty was taken without permission, and that a court ordered "no-contact" order was also being violated.

Deputies responded, and located the reported vehicle in question. Deputies attempted to stop the vehicle on STH 65, just north of the City of New Richmond. The driver of the vehicle did not stop, and a vehicle pursuit occurred.

The pursuit continued eastbound on STH 64, then northbound on STH 46, towards the Village of Deer Park. As the pursuit entered the village, the suspect vehicle passed several other motorists on the left hand side. There were several motorcycles taking a left hand turn on Main St near North St. W. The suspect vehicle struck one of the motorcyclists. The suspect driver then fled the scene on foot, where deputies were able to apprehend him after a short foot pursuit.

Life saving measures were taken on the motorcyclist; however, the St. Croix County Medical Examiner pronounced him dead at the scene. The name of the deceased is being held pending the notification of family.

The WI State Patrol, Polk County Sheriff's Office and the Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office were requested to investigate the incident, per Wisconsin State Statutes.

The agencies assisting during this incident were the New Richmond Police, New Richmond EMS, Deer Park Fire / Rescue, WI State Patrol, Polk County Sheriff's Office, St. Croix County Highway Department, Amery Fire and the St. Croix and Pierce County Medical Examiner's Offices.

This is the fifth traffic fatality recorded by St. Croix County in 2019.

This incident remains under investigation.