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PRESS RELEASE

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TOWN of Erin Prairie –

The St. Croix County Emergency Communication Center received a call at about 6:53 p.m. on Thursday, July 3, 2025, reporting a crash, with injuries, at the intersection of County Trunk Highway (CTH) T and County Trunk Highway G, in Erin Prairie Township.

Deputies arrived on scene and located a two vehicle crash. A 2023 Harley Davidson Motorcycle, operated by Richard A. VanWagner, age 61, from New Richmond, WI had been traveling northbound through the intersection on CTH T. A 2006 Buick Lacrosse, operated by Cadence T. Miller, age 19, from Roberts, WI was traveling eastbound on CTH G and struck the motorcycle.

Mr. VanWagner had a stop sign on CTH T, and failed to yield to traffic that was traveling on CTH G, which had the right of way. He was not wearing a helmet at the time of crash, and was taken by ambulance to Regions Hospital.

Ms. Miller was treated at the scene and released. She was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash.

On Sunday, July 6, 2025, Richard VanWagner died as a result of the injuries he sustained on July 3.

The St. Croix County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the New Richmond Fire Department, New Richmond Ambulance and the Wisconsin State Patrol.

This incident represents the sixth traffic fatality recorded by St. Croix County in 2025.

This crash remains under investigation.