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On Sunday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m., the Sioux County Sheriff's Office investigated two accidents which occurred on Highway 10, two miles west of Orange City, IA.

A Sheriff's Deputy was westbound on HWY 10 and noticed a vehicle in a field north of the roadway. Matthew Johnson, 18 of Maurice, IA. was located near the vehicle in the field. Johnson had been eastbound on HWY 10 and lost control of his 2004 Chevy TrailBlazer. His vehicle entered the north ditch and rolled; he was ejected from his vehicle through the driver's door.

The Orange City Ambulance transported Johnson to the Orange City Hospital with minor injuries. His vehicle sustained approximately \$10,000 in damages.

Johnson was cited for Failing to Wear a Seatbelt.

While waiting for the ambulance, a second accident occurred at this same location. A 2006 Chevy Impala being driven by Carrie DeGroot, 19 of Sioux Center, IA. was eastbound on Hwy 10. A 1998 Pontiac Transport being driven by Abby VanKley, 24 of Orange City was westbound on Hwy 10. The DeGroot vehicle lost control on the ice-covered roadway and crossed into the path of the VanKley vehicle; they hit head-on. Both drivers, and a passenger in the DeGroot vehicle were transported to the Orange City Hospital by the Orange City Ambulance with minor injuries. The 2006 Impala sustained approximately \$15,000 in damages, and the Transport approximately \$5,000.

The Sioux County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Orange City Police and Fire Department, the Orange City Ambulance, and the Iowa State Patrol.