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On Thursday April 10 at 12:37 p.m., the Sioux County Sheriff's office investigated a three vehicle accident which occurred two and one quarter miles east of Boyden, IA. on Hwy 18.

Karen Vermeer, age 49, of Boyden, was driving a 2004 Pontiac Grandprix eastbound on Hwy 18. Rylee Wielenga, age 18, of Hull, IA. was driving a 2000 Pontiac Grandprix westbound on Hwy18.

Wielenga was traveling behind a semi truck, which was also westbound on Hwy 18. Due to the rain and the spray coming off of the semi truck both Wielenga and Vermeer could not see and sideswiped each other.

Vermeer's vehicle also struck a third vehicle driven by Howard Campbell, age 67, of Hawarden, IA. who was driving a 2001 Buick Park Avenue westbound behind Wielenga's vehicle.

Karen Vermeer was transported to the Sheldon Hospital by the Sheldon Ambulance and Rylee Wielenga was transported to the Sheldon Hospital by the Boyden Ambulance, for injuries sustained.

Both Vermeer's and Wielenga's vehicles sustained extensive damage in the accident, while Campbell's vehicle received minor damage.

Wielenga was cited for failure to use a seat belt.

The Sioux County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Boyden Ambulance & Rescue, and the Sheldon Ambulance.