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**PRESS RELEASE**

On Saturday January 30, at 2:03 p.m. the Sioux County Sheriff's Office investigated a motor vehicle accident that occurred at the intersection of Hickory Avenue and 410th Street, one mile southeast of Sioux Center, IA.

Michael DenHerder, age 15, of rural Sioux Center was driving a 1997 Pontiac Grandprix northbound on Hickory Avenue. Joel Griffith, age 41, of Matlock, IA was driving a 2004 Ford Escape westbound on 410th Street. The two vehicles collided in the intersection causing the Griffith vehicle to roll onto its side in the north ditch of 410th street.

No injuries were reported.

The DenHerder vehicle sustained approximately \$2,500 damage and the Griffith vehicle received \$4,000 damage.

As a result of the investigation Griffith was arrested and charged with Operating While Intoxicated 4th offense, a class "D" felony, Driving While License Suspended, a simple misdemeanor, and Open Container, also a simple misdemeanor.

The accident remains under investigation.

