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**PRESS RELEASE**

On Thursday, May 13, at 4:55 p.m., the Sioux County Sheriff's Office investigated a motor vehicle accident that occurred on Hwy 18, one mile east of Rock Valley, IA.

Brittany Overweg, age 21 of Rock Valley, was driving a 2002 Ford Taurus westbound on Hwy 18. Overweg slowed to yield for a vehicle waiting to make a turn. Leah Van Tol, age 16 of Rock Valley, was driving a 2006 Pontiac G6 also westbound on Hwy 18, following the Overweg vehicle. Van Tol was unable to stop and struck the Overweg vehicle.

Overweg and a passenger, Keaton Brink, age 5 from Rock Valley, received possible injuries, but refused medical treatment at the scene. Occupants in both vehicles were wearing seatbelts.

Overweg's vehicle received approximately \$1,500 in damages; Van Tol's vehicle approximately \$2,500 damages.

Van Tol was cited for following too closely.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Rock Valley Police Department.