

Pierce County

Wisconsin

Office of Sheriff

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Media Release

On Saturday April 22nd, 2023 at approximately 4:19 PM the Pierce County Sheriff's Office was notified of a one-vehicle motor vehicle accident with injury on County Road J West of County Road N in Ellsworth Township.

It was determined a 2011 Chevy Silverado being operated by Thomas Phernetton, 77 years old from Beldenville, WI, was traveling southbound on County Road J when he suffered a medical emergency and became unconscious. There were two passengers in his vehicle identified as Kathy Sauerwein, 64 years old from Ellsworth, WI and Kent Sauerwein also from Ellsworth, WI who were not injured in the accident.

Mr. Phernetton was transported from the scene to Mayo Hospital in Red Wing, MN by the Ellsworth Area Ambulance Service with undetermined injuries.

The Pierce County Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by the Ellsworth Area Ambulance Service, Ellsworth Fire Department and the Wisconsin State Patrol.

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