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Media Advisory Pawnee & Maize Road Fatality Accident

The Wichita Police Department (WPD) have identified the victim in Monday's fatality accident as 30-year-old Elissa Warns-Branson of Wichita.

At approximately 4:50 p.m., Officers responded to an injury traffic accident at Pawnee and Maize Road. Upon arrival, officers located Warns-Branson, trapped in a 2013 grey Hyundai Sonata. She was removed by Wichita Fire Department personal and was pronounced dead on scene.

The investigation revealed, a full size 2016 red Dodge truck driven by a 55-year-old old male was traveling northbound on Maize Road at a high rate of speed. It clipped a 2011 white GMC Sierra truck, which was also traveling northbound. The Dodge continued northbound on Maize Road and rear-ended the Hyundai, stopped at the red light at Pawnee and Maize Road.

The collision pushed the Hyundai approximately 50 yards to the north and caused the Dodge truck to flip onto its roof, slide north on Maize Road and come to a stop.

The 55-year-old male driver of the Dodge truck was transported to an area hospital for medical treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. The 56-year-old male driver of the GMC truck was not injured. It is believed a possible medical condition regarding the 55-year-old male contributed to the accident.

The investigation is ongoing and will be presented to the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office.

This is the 28th fatality of 2018.

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