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Car – Semi Tractor Trailer Crash Results in Two Fatalities

Clinton, Illinois July 20, 2005----- DeWitt County Sheriff's Investigators and the DeWitt County Coroner's Office are investigating a vehicular crash that occurred in DeWitt, Illinois this date resulting in two fatalities. According to DeWitt County Sheriff Roger Massey, his department was notified of the crash at 8:47 pm. Preliminary information indicates that a 1996 Dodge Caravan driven by Adeel Husain, 27, of Berwyn, IL was northbound on DeWitt County Highway 20, when it collided with a semi tractor-trailer that was westbound on Illinois Rt. 54. The crash occurred at the intersection of those two roads. The van was struck on the passenger side causing the van to come to rest in the north ditch of the intersection. According to reports, there were a total of six passengers in the van, which included Muhammad Usman, 62, of Corona, NY, Taskeen Usman, 51 of Corona, NY, Maryam Usman, 11, of Corona, NY, Ayesha Adeel, 29, of Berwyn, IL, and Mubashir Husain, 7 months, of Berwyn, IL. The driver of the semi was alone when the crash occurred.

DeWitt County Coroner Alex Calvert pronounced Taskeen Usman dead at the scene at 9:54 pm. Clinton Ambulance transferred Ayesha Adeel to Dr. John Warner Hospital where she was pronounced dead at 10:07 pm. Blunt force trauma to the head and chest are the preliminary causes of death for both victims. Both were passengers in the van. Clinton and Farmer City Ambulances transported four other passengers in the van to Carle Hospital in Champaign Illinois. The driver of the semi was not injured.

Other agencies assisting at the scene included the Clinton and Weldon Fire Departments, Farmer City Police and the Illinois State Police.