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Press Release

On Friday, June 26, 2026 at 1:12 pm, Cottonwood County Dispatch received a 911 call reference an accident with injuries at the intersection of Cottonwood County Road 7 and Cottonwood County Road 13. It was reported that there were two vehicles and a semi involved in the accident. Dispatch paged First Responders to the scene.

Upon investigation it was determined that a 1998 Mack semi with a bottom dump trailer driven by James Beck of Fulda (69 yoa) was southbound on Cottonwood County Road 7. A 2019 Buick Enclave, driven by Julianne Paplow of rural Dundee (42 yoa) along with a juvenile passenger (12 yoa) were northbound on Cottonwood County Road 7. A 2010 Subaru Forester driven by Sean Goodman (29 yoa) of Slayton was eastbound on Cottonwood County Road 13. The driver of the Subaru Forester failed to stop at the stop sign, entered the intersection and was struck by the Mack semi. The Buick Enclave was then struck as the Subaru Forester and Mack semi entered the south east ditch where they came to rest. The driver of the Mack semi and the driver and passenger of the Buick Enclave were transported to the hospital with non life threatening injuries. The driver of the Subaru Forester was pronounced dead at the scene.

The accident remains under investigation.

Cottonwood County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by Westbrook Fire Department, Westbrook Ambulance, Westbrook Police Department, Minnesota State Patrol, Fulda Ambulance, Cottonwood County Highway Department and Windom Towing.