

For Immediate News Release:

On 08-17-2011 at approx. 1030 am, The Bonneville County Sheriff's Office responded to a 2-vehicle personal injury vehicle accident at the intersection of 1st East and 97th South, Bonneville County, ID. The accident involved the collision of a Chevrolet pickup and a Ford Taurus.

According to the investigation, the Chevrolet pickup was traveling westbound on 97th West and the Ford Taurus was traveling northbound on 1st East. The two vehicles collided at the intersection.

The driver of the Chevrolet pickup, Onofre Ponce-Franco, 42, of Idaho Falls, ID was transported to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center due to injuries received in the accident where he later passed away. The passenger in the Chevrolet pickup, Francisco Rodriguez, 39, of Blackfoot, ID was also transported to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center for injuries received in the accident and was later released.

The driver of the Ford Taurus, Leila Bendixsen, 89, of Shelley, ID was also transported and admitted to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center for injuries received in the accident.

Idaho State Police and the Bonneville County Sheriff's Office are currently investigating the accident.

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