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Car vs. Pedestrian Fatality Crash

FARIBAULT - On Monday, December 10 at 1:28 pm, Faribault officers were dispatched to an injured pedestrian in the parking lot at 100 State Avenue. The caller reported a woman was on the ground and bleeding from her head and face. Responding officers found an 83-year-old woman, later identified as Darlene Ulrich, being attended to by clinic and hospital medical staff. She was transported to Allina – District One Hospital and later to North Memorial Hospital in Robbinsdale. Ulrich later died as a result of her injuries.

Initial investigation revealed a 2001 Chrysler PT Cruiser had been backing out of a parking stall when it struck Ulrich and continued backing until striking another vehicle. Several witnesses to the crash described the PT Cruiser as backing at a high rate of speed. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Lana Good, 73, of Faribault. Neither Good, her passenger, nor the driver of the vehicle which was struck, were injured.

The Faribault Fire Department, North Ambulance, and the Minnesota State Patrol also responded to the crash. The Faribault Police Department is being assisted with reconstruction by the Minnesota State Patrol. Alcohol is not believed to be a factor at this time. When the investigation is concluded, all reports will be forwarded to the Rice County Attorney to review and consider criminal charges.

Faribault Police Chief Bohlen stated, "In a time of year that is supposed to be so festive, our collective hearts go out to both families involved in this terrible incident. The department will work diligently to determine all the factors that contributed to her death".