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## MEDIA RELEASE

<b>DATE:</b> July 12th, 2023	<b>CONTACT:</b> Officer Josh Miller
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<b>SUBJECT:</b> 23PD12872 - Fatal Crash	 @EauClairePD

\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*

The victim killed in this crash has been identified as Juan Hernandez Beristain (DOB 3/16/1990).

Our condolences go out to Mr. Beristain's family and friends during this difficult time.

The case is still under investigation.

\*\*\*END UPDATE\*\*\*

Fatal Crash in the City of Eau Claire

On July 9th, 2023 at 7:37PM, emergency personnel responded to Highway 53 between North Crossing and Melby Street for a crash involving two vehicles in the northbound lanes. The initial investigation indicated a truck had been stopped on the shoulder of the highway when it was struck from behind by an SUV. An occupant of the truck was outside of the vehicle at the time of the crash and was also struck by the SUV. This person was pronounced dead at the scene by EMS personnel.

More information will be released about the victim and the driver of the SUV at a later time.

At this time no arrests have been made and the crash is under investigation. Wisconsin State Patrol is completing reconstruction of the crash.

Wisconsin State Patrol, Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office, Eau Claire Fire Department, and Altoona Fire Department assisted with this incident.

Our condolences go out to the victim's family and friends during this difficult time.

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