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LA PORTE COUNTY MAN KILLED IN SINGLE VEHICLE CRASH – DRIVER ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED – CAUSING DEATH

The La Porte County Sheriff's Office and the La Porte County Fatal Alcohol Crash Team (FACT) are investigating a single vehicle fatality crash that occurred in rural La Porte County on Wednesday, September 24. At approximately 9:50 pm (CST) deputies from the La Porte County Sheriff's Office were summoned to the 0900 North block of County Road 640 West in reference to a single vehicle crash with injuries.

Upon arrival deputies located a 2006 Nissan four door passenger car that had left the roadway and had impacted a tree. The vehicle was occupied by the driver and a single male passenger and the passenger was unconscious and subsequently transported to St. Anthony Memorial Hospital in Michigan City where he was pronounced dead. He has been identified as 47 year old Lanny FRANKS of rural La Porte.

The driver suffered minor injuries and deputies established probable cause at the scene to believe that he was impaired. It was soon determined that he had a blood alcohol content that was in excess of Indiana's limit of .08%. Because a death had resulted from the crash and because alcohol was a contributing factor, the La Porte County FACT Team was summoned to the scene and the crash remains under investigation.

The driver has been identified as 27 year old Daniel J. GRIGALANZ OF Michigan City. He has been charged with three (3) misdemeanor counts of Operating While Intoxicated as well as Operating While Intoxicated – Causing Death, a Level 4 Felony and Operating While Intoxicated – Previous Conviction, a Level 6 Felony. He is currently being held in the La Porte County Jail and he is scheduled to appear in La Porte County Circuit on September 26. His bond has been set in the amount of \$2,005.

The La Porte County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by Coolspring Fire Department and La Porte County Emergency Medical Service.

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