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Police: Wrong-way driver causes fatal crash on Highway 92



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KNOXVILLE, Iowa (KCCI) — A wrong-way driver died Saturday morning when she crashed her minivan into a semitruck just south of Knoxville, authorities said.

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An officer saw a white minivan headed east in the westbound lane, according to the news release. The officer attempted to stop the driver, but the driver continued without slowing.



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That's when the minivan struck a semitrailer owned by Smith Fertilizer and Grain head-on.



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year-old male driver of the semitruck, identified as Ernest John Smith, of Knoxville, declined any treatment at the scene.

It is unclear why Murphy was driving on the wrong side of the road.

The westbound lanes of Highway 92 between Exit 60 and Exit 62 were closed for about three hours while detectives investigated the scene.



Knoxville Police Department, Knoxville Fire and Rescue Department, Knoxville Rural Fire Department, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Iowa State Patrol and Iowa Department of Transportation assisted at the scene.

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