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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release:

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**Emergency Service Personnel Respond to
One-Vehicle Rollover Fatality Accident**

On September 30, 2005 at 1:38 p.m., the Perkins County Sheriff's Office and Grant Fire Department were summoned to the scene of a one-vehicle rollover accident six miles south of Grant near Milepost 61 on Highway 61. Also summoned to the scene of the accident, in addition to a Nebraska State Patrol Investigator who drove upon the accident, were a Nebraska State Patrol Road Trooper and Perkins County Coroner Richard H. Roberts.

A 1981 Chevrolet straight grain truck driven by 75-year-old John H. Blaase of Ogallala was traveling southbound on Highway 61 when the front right tire on the vehicle blew out causing Blaase to lose control of the truck. Following loss of control of the truck, the truck entered the west ditch where it rolled coming to rest on its top about 50 yards from the roadway trapping Blaase in the cab of the vehicle.

Blaase, who was the lone occupant in the vehicle at the time of the accident, was not wearing a seatbelt and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The accident was investigated by the Nebraska State Patrol with assistance from the Perkins County Sheriff's Office.

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