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NEWS RELEASE

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**Perkins County Sheriff's Office Investigates
Intersection Accident Resulting in Injuries**

On November 22, 2004 at 4:24 p.m. the Perkins County Sheriff's Office, Madrid Fire Department, Grant Fire Department and Venango Fire Department responded to a two-vehicle injury accident four miles north and one half mile west of Madrid.

A 2004 GMC Savana Cutaway Truck being driven by a 49-year-old Wallace male was traveling eastbound on County Road 765 when it collided with a 1994 Chevrolet Suburban being driven by a 29-year-old Madrid female that was traveling northbound on County Road 337.

Following the collision the 1994 Chevrolet Suburban spun off the roadway, went into the ditch, struck and embankment and came to rest in the ditch north of the intersection. The vehicle occupants were able to exit the vehicles before emergency services arrived at the accident scene.

The driver of the 2004 GMC Savana Cutaway Truck refused medical treatment at the scene. The Venango and Grant Ambulances transported the five occupants of the 1994 Chevrolet Suburban to the Perkins County Community Hospital in Grant. The occupant's injury severity ranged from minor complaints of pain to severe lacerations.

Damage to the 2004 GMC Savana Cutaway Truck was estimated to be \$6,000.00, while damage to the 1994 Chevrolet Suburban was estimated to be \$10,000.00.

Investigation conducted by the Perkins County Sheriff's Office at the accident scene determined that the driver of the 2004 GMC Savana Cutaway Truck failed to yield the right of way to the 1994 Chevrolet Suburban, which was the cause of the accident.

Following the investigation the 49-year-old Wallace male was cited for Failure to Yield the Right of Way and the 29-year-old Madrid female was cited for No Seat Belts.

On May 5, 2003 the Perkins County Sheriff's Office investigated a rollover accident at this same intersection. "Again we are very fortunate that the injuries were minor considering the severity of the accident and the fact that two of the vehicle occupants were unrestrained at the time of the accident," said Sheriff Brueggeman. "As the holiday season approaches, the Perkins County Sheriff's Office reminds motorists to obey all rules of the road, drive cautiously and to utilize the safety belt system in their vehicle."

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