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Authorities report two trucks collided head-on late last night south of Maryville claiming the life of one driver and injuring the other.



The highway patrol said 49 year old Randy Cronk of Maryville was pronounced dead early today at Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph some two hours after the prior to midnight traffic accident. The other truck driver, 54 year old Kelly Wilmes of Conception Junction, received minor injuries and was taken by private vehicle to St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

Investigators said the trucks were traveled toward each other on Nodaway County Route U when the pickup driven by Cronk, traveled off the road, over-corrected, lost control upon returning to the road, crossed the center line and into the path of the larger truck. The big truck overturned onto its passenger side. The pickup left the road but remained upright. Both of the trucks were demolished in the wreck seven miles south of Maryville. The report indicated the fatality victim was not using a safety device.