



TOWARD ZERO DEATHS

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Minnesota State Patrol
Fatal Crash Investigation
May 23rd, 2009
US Hwy 63 & MN Hwy 30



Location

- Intersection of US 63 and MN 30
- US 63 runs north and south, divided 4 lane road with grass median.
- MN 30 intersects US 63 on the west side.
- East of US 63 is a gravel township road, 90th Street SE.
- Intersection is just north of I-90.
- 55 mph zone on US 63 and MN 30.
- Stop signs control east and west traffic.
- Yield signs in center median for east and west traffic.

Vehicle 1

- Christopher Steven Frisch, age 25, of Winona
- Driving a 2003 Chevrolet extended cab Silverado Pickup.
- Westbound on MN 30 approaching intersection.

Vehicle 2

- Terry M. Milholland, age 45, of Rochester
- Driving a 2001 Chevrolet Venture van.
- Front seat passenger: Rita Seha, age 43.
- 2nd row, driver side passenger: Raymond Milholland, age 5 weeks; infant seat.
- 2nd row, pass. side: Heidi Newell, age 19.
- 3rd row, driver side: Cater Newell, age 2.
- 3rd row, pass. side: Jarah Beers, age 23.
- Vehicle was northbound on US 63 approaching intersection of MN 30.

Events leading to the crash

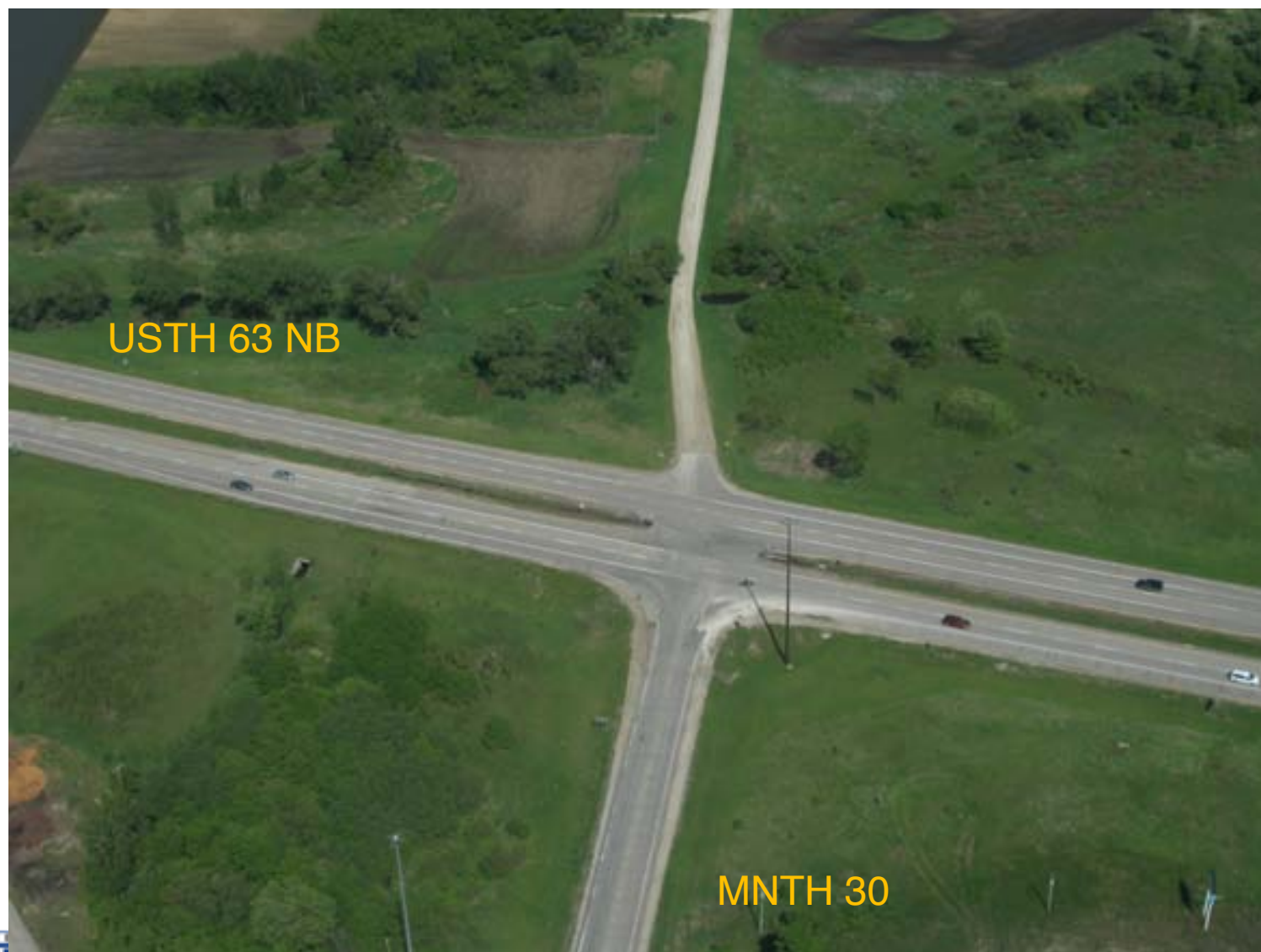
(Based on statement of Frisch)

- Friday; worked from 3-11 pm at his place of employment.
- Stopped at a bar on way home. Got a ride to a friends house, early Sat. morning.
- Got 3 hours of sleep prior to going back to work at 7 am on Saturday.
- Worked until 1 pm.
- Went home for a while then back to Winona.
- Had a couple beers at a bar.

- Left bar late in the afternoon and went to friend's house.
- Left friend's house about 7 pm.
- Went to off road truck rally in Olmsted County. Arrived about 9 pm.
- Had brought his own alcoholic beverages to rally.
- Stated he had 6-8 twelve ounce beers during the day.
- Stated he had his first drink at 3 pm, last drink after 11 pm.
- Left the truck rally and headed for Winona on MN 30.

Pre-crash events : Terry Milholland and passengers

- Coming from day long family gathering in the Austin, MN area.
- Returning to Rochester via I-90.
- Had just exited I-90 and was northbound on US 63 approaching the MN 30 intersection.



Pre-Impact

- The pickup, driven by Christopher Frisch was eastbound on MN 30 approaching the intersection with US 63.
- The van, driven by Terry Milholland, was northbound in the right lane of US 63 approaching the intersection with MN 30/90th Street SE.
- Frisch did not slow prior to entering the intersection, continuing in a straight course, striking the Milholland vehicle.



Driver's Side

Passenger Side



Driver's Side



Impact

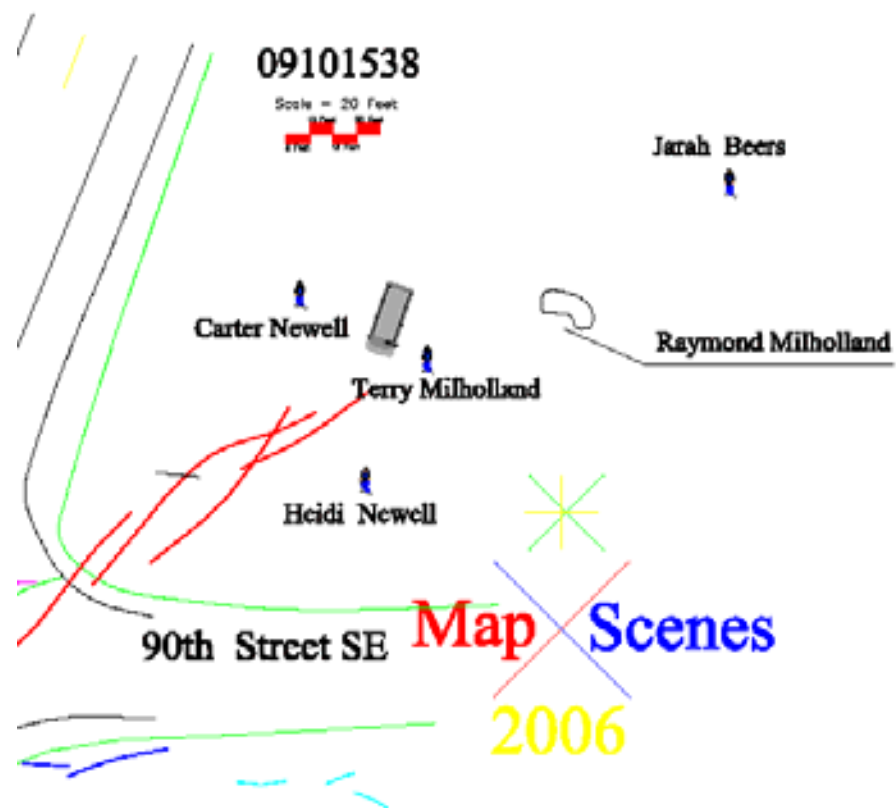
- The pickup struck the van on the driver's side, tearing off a significant portion of the driver's side of the vehicle.
- The van began a severe counter clockwise rotation during engagement and after separation began to travel into the NE ditch of the intersection where it came to rest.
- The pickup continued in an easterly direction into the SE ditch, travelled along the embankment and the rolled onto it's roof.

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District 2100 Rochester
Case # 09101538*

FRISCH vs. MILHOLLAND

*May 23, 2009 2323 Hrs.
USTH 63 at MNTH 30
Olmsted County High Forest Township
Primary Investigator: Trooper Barstad 8289
Forensic Mapping: Trooper Inglett 8426*





9-1-1 Activation

- 1st Caller: a passenger in a car southbound on US 63 approaching the intersection of MN 30.
- Moe and the other two occupants saw Frisch's vehicle approaching the intersection and that it wasn't slowing down.
- The driver braked to avoid the pickup going through the stop sign.
- The three occupants witnessed the crash.
- Two of the three witnesses knew the victims.

- 2nd Caller: Northbound on US 63, approximately ½ mile to the south of the intersection.
- Didn't see the crash, but saw the lights spinning around after the crash.
- Came upon the vehicles and called 9-1-1.
- As he got out, another SB vehicle pulled onto 90th St. SE and stopped.
- Hearing screaming, the 2nd caller approached the van.
- As he did he saw a man (Frisch) walking to the vehicle parked on the gravel road.
- The man was bleeding and when asked what happened , (Frisch) said he fell asleep.

Response to Scene

- 9-1-1 calls went into the Olmsted County Dispatch Center and were then transferred to MSP and St. Mary's Dispatch Centers.
- Olmsted Co. Deputy James McCormick was first to arrive at the scene.
- He encountered Frisch who said there were some injured parties in the ditch.
- Deputy McCormick could smell an odor of alcohol on Frisch's breath.
- He responded to the van and found Rita Seha conscious and telling him to find her children.

- Stewartville Fire Department and Gold Cross Ambulance arrived at the scene.
- The area was searched for victims
- State Troopers responded to the scene.
- Trooper Barstad placed Frisch under arrest for Criminal Vehicular Operation.
- Frisch was transported to the Olmsted County ADC.
- A blood sample was obtained at the ADC at 0040.
- Test results received from BCA on 5-27-09 indicated a blood alcohol concentration of 0.18.