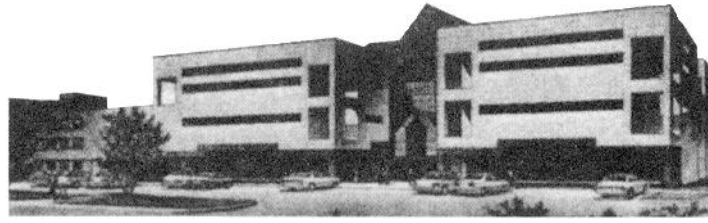




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October 5th, 2026,

Fatal Wrong-Way Crash

On Sunday, October 4, 2026, at 10:14 p.m., the Waukesha County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a wrong-way driver involved in a crash in the westbound lanes of Highway 16, west of Ryan Street.

A 23-year-old female was the sole occupant of a vehicle driving eastbound in the westbound lanes of Highway 16 when her vehicle struck two oncoming vehicles head-on. The female was pronounced deceased at the scene. Occupants of the other two vehicles sustained non-life-threatening injuries.

Highway 16 was closed for approximately six hours while the Wisconsin State Patrol completed accident reconstruction and crews cleared the scene. The crash remains under investigation by the Waukesha County Sheriff's Office.

**Lieutenant Nicholas Wenzel
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