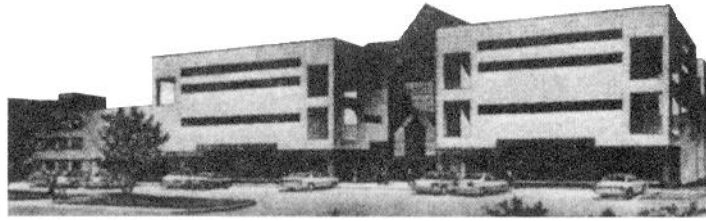




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News Release

May 21st, 2026

I43 Fatal Crash

On Thursday, May 21, 2026, at approximately 6:06 a.m., the Waukesha County Communications Center received a report of a crash involving two semi-trucks on I-43 northbound, just south of STH 164 in the Village of Big Bend.

The preliminary investigation indicates that one semi-truck rear-ended the other. One operator was pronounced deceased at the scene. The operator of the semi-truck that was struck was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Northbound I-43 will remain closed for an extended period to allow for crash investigation and roadway cleanup. Motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes and avoid the area.

The Waukesha County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Village of Big Bend Police Department, Town of Mukwonago Police Department, Village of East Troy Police Department, Village of Big Bend Fire Department, Village of Vernon Fire Department, Mukwonago Fire Department, and the Wisconsin State Patrol.

Lieutenant Nicholas Wenzel
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