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Saturday, February 21st, 2015, 11:13PM The Knox County Sheriff's Department responded to an accident involving one vehicle and a BNSF train at the crossing on Knox Road 2100E approximately ¼ mile north of Knox Highway 18, just west of Williamsfield.

During the course of the investigation Deputies learned that a pick-up truck belonging to Cole R. Steele was traveling northbound on Knox Road 2100E, hit the crossing arm and then crashed into a westbound train at approximately 10:10PM.

The accident was not reported until approximately 11:13PM when the damaged truck was discovered on the tracks by an eastbound train.

The two occupants of the truck were identified as:

Andrew B. Stone, 22 years old – Knoxville

Cole R. Steele, 20 years old – rural Gilson.

Stone was transported to OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Steele was pronounced dead at the scene by the Knox County Coroner's Office.

The investigation is continuing.

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