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(Neb.) - Victims of Nebraska canal crash identified

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SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb. (AP) - Authorities have released the names of a man who was killed and another man who was injured when their car crashed into a canal north of Scottsbluff.

The accident at the Pathfinder Irrigation Canal was reported Monday afternoon.

The dead man was identified as 20-year-old Taylor Gulley, of Scottsbluff. The car driver was identified as 19-year-old Matthew Merryfield, of Scottsbluff. He was flown to a Scottsbluff hospital and is expected to survive his injuries.

Authorities say Gulley's body was found inside the vehicle when it was pulled out of the water.

Scotts Bluff County Sheriff Mark Overman says Merryfield reported that he lost control of the car while driving north on County Road 23. The car veered off the roadway and landed upside down in the canal.

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