

Crash that killed teen still under investigation

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Oconto driver expected to be charged following accident that took Grafton girl's life

Authorities are continuing to investigate a traffic accident that killed a Grafton girl and injured two other people last Saturday in Oconto County.

Alyssa Dorfler, 15, was a passenger in a minivan headed north on Highway 141 in the Town of Stiles when the vehicle was struck by a car that went through a stop sign on Highway I at about 12:30 a.m.

The minivan was driven by Alyssa's mother, Karen Dorfler, 41, who was also injured in the crash along with the driver of the car, Ryan Miller, 24, of Oconto.

Miller, who was alone in his vehicle, was suspected of inattentive driving and driving while intoxicated, according to the Oconto County Sheriff's Department.

According to a sheriff's report, Miller's car struck the side of the minivan, which overturned. The Dorflers, who were the only people in their vehicle, were both transported to St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay, as was Miller, who was thrown from his car in the collision.

Alyssa Dorfler died at the hospital. Her mother was treated for minor injuries and released.

The Dorflers were reportedly driving to a cabin in Crivitz to meet Alyssa's father, Craig Dorfler, and her brothers Joseph and Jacob.

This spring, Alyssa Dorfler completed her freshman year at Cedarburg High School, where she was a member of the girls' soccer and swimming teams.

The teen's friends and family members held a memorial picnic Monday at Cedar Creek Park in Cedarburg.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 1, at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church North in the Town of Cedarburg. Visitation will be at the church Thursday from 4 p.m. until the service.

Memorials to a trust fund established in Alyssa Dorfler's name are being accepted.