

Elk Horn man killed in one vehicle accident

ELK HORN -- A one-vehicle accident four miles south of here on Tuesday, January 2 resulted in Shelby County's first fatality of 1996.

Dale L. Ericksen, 34, Elk Horn, died at Jennie Edmundsen Hospital, Council Bluffs, from head injuries sustained in the 11:15 a.m. accident.

According to a report filed by Shelby County Chief Deputy Mark Hervey, Ericksen was driving south on Hwy 173 when he lost control of his 1970 Chevy truck and traveled across the roadway into the east ditch. The vehicle came to rest at the T intersec-

tion of 300th St.

He was found by Bret Pellet, Marne, who called 911 for the Elk Horn Rescue Squad. Ericksen was transported to Myrtue Memorial Hospital, Harlan, and was life flighted to Jennie Edmundsen Hospital.

The accident is still under investigation. The roadway was mostly clear with some patchy snow according to the Shelby County Sheriff's office. Ericksen's truck was totaled in the accident.

Services are pending at Steen Funeral in Kimballton.