

Victor man among those killed in I-380 crash near Swisher

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Another Iowa County community has been rocked by tragedy, as a 21-year-old Victor man was killed in a two-vehicle accident Tuesday morning,

July 5, on Interstate 380 near Swisher.

Jordan David Dietrich was one of three people killed in the two-vehicle collision near mile marker 10 in the northbound lanes of I-380, the Iowa State Patrol reported.

The Iowa State Patrol reported that Dietrich was driving a 2003 Cadillac CTS sedan southbound in the northbound lanes at about 3:40 a.m. when troopers said he lost control of his vehicle, drove onto the east shoulder. Furaha Nyabitanga, 22, of Iowa



Jordan Dietrich

City, was driving a 2007 Toyota Camry northbound and swerved to avoid the oncoming vehicle but the two vehicles collided, with Dietrich's vehicle coming to rest in the median and Nyabitanga's vehicle on the east shoulder.

Both Nyabitanga and a passenger, Djumapili Shabani, 26, Cedar Rapids, were also killed in the

crash. I-380's northbound lanes were closed for several hours and traffic was rerouted during that time. The accident remains under investigation.

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Dietrich, a 2013 graduate of HLV, was a standout athlete for the Warriors, competing in football and wrestling. His mother, Denise, works as a secretary in the principal's office.

Kevin Smith, the school's varsity football coach, recalled Dietrich as someone who was liked by everyone. Dietrich was a senior when HLV switched from 11-man to 8-man football, and his leadership was evident during the team's undefeated regular season and advancement to the second round of the playoffs.

"I don't think he had an enemy in the world. He was a very talented athlete, he got along with everyone and was a decent student in school. It's a sad, sad deal," said Smith. "People can say what they want in small towns, but when you have a tragedy you'd be surprised to see how people rally together ... and it's what we're seeing."

Superintendent Brad Hohensee remarked that with this being summer, the staff is reduced, but the mood was very downbeat as faculty come to terms with one of their own losing a son.

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