



# BUFFALO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### TYPE OF INCIDENT

Traffic: Train vs Pedestrian Fatal

Date: July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Time: 12:23 pm

### LOCATION:

X  City: Alma    Township:    Village:

### PARTIES INVOLVED:

#1) Name/Age: Linda Sanden 70

Address: Albert Lea, MN

#2) Name/Age:

Address:

### ENFORCEMENT ACTION:

### NARRATIVE:

On Saturday, July 18, 2020 at about 12:23PM the Buffalo County Communications Center received a report of a pedestrian struck by a train in the City of Alma at a crossing near the 300 block of South Main Street which people commonly use for fishing. Emergency services responded and located Linda Sanden, 70 yoa of Albert Lea, MN along the railroad tracks near the crossing with fatal injuries. Initial investigation of the incident indicated that Linda and a family member were getting ready to go fishing when Linda began to carry fishing gear across the railroad tracks. An eastbound Burlington Northern Santa Fe train was nearing the area and observed Linda on the tracks. The train crew made efforts to warn Linda and attempted to stop the train, however they were unable to avoid collision.

Responding to the scene were the Alma Fire Department, Alma Police Department, Buffalo County Coroner's Office, Buffalo County Sheriff's Office, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, Talbot Funeral Home, Western Buffalo County Ambulance Service.

Lee Engfer- Chief Deputy

Updated March 2017

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**AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR**