

Two killed in school bus fire

OAKLAND -- A bus driver and student were killed early Tuesday morning, Dec. 12 in a fire on a school bus southeast of Oakland.

Authorities said the driver of the bus was Donald Hendricks, 74, Carson, and the passenger was Megan Klindt, 16, rural Pottawattamie County. They were the only two occupants of the bus at the time of the fire, and were unable to get out of the vehicle in time.

Local fire and rescue personnel were called to the scene at about 7 a.m. that morning.

Sources said the bus driver allegedly was backing the bus out of a driveway and it traveled into a ditch and caught fire. When firefighters arrived on scene the bus was already fully engulfed in flames.

The incident occurred near 480th St. and Elmtree Road. Once the fire was extinguished, the two individuals were found inside the school bus.

The fire is under investigation.