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Portsmouth man killed in accident

NEOLA – A Portsmouth man was killed in an accident Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. on Interstate 80 about three miles southwest of Neola.

A westbound 1986 Chevrolet driven by Melvin Schumacher, 75, of Portsmouth was struck from the rear by a westbound 2000 Peterbilt semi driven by Rodney Bates, according to the Iowa State Patrol.

Bates' age and address were not available from the patrol today.

The two vehicles stuck together and crossed the median, coming to rest facing west in the eastbound lanes.

Schumacher was fatally injured in the collision.

No other injuries were reported.

Schumacher's vehicle was a total loss, and damage to Bates' truck was estimated at \$2,000.

The accident was still under investigation today.