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The Cheyenne County Sheriff's Office, Nebraska State Patrol, Sidney Volunteer Fire Department, Nebraska Department of Roads and Regional West Medical Center Ambulance responded to a motor vehicle accident on Interstate 80 at about mile marker 61 in Cheyenne County. The accident happened yesterday at about 3:55 pm. The vehicles involved were a Honda Pilot and a semi-truck and trailer. According to the accident report, both were proceeding westbound. The Honda Pilot came to a stop in the right lane. The truck slowed and swerved into the left lane to attempt to avoid a collision. The Honda Pilot then reversed and moved into the left lane in an attempt to enter an exit to a rest area. The truck hit the Honda Pilot on the passenger side, resulting in fatal injuries to the passenger in the Honda Pilot. He has been identified as John Donald Jessen, 69, of Des Moines, IA. An autopsy was ordered. Both vehicles were impounded and will be inspected as part of an ongoing investigation.