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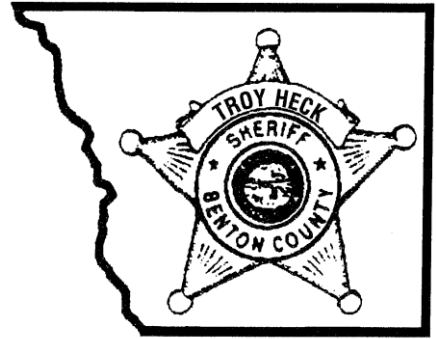
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Troy Heck, Sheriff
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PRESS RELEASE

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AUTHORITY OF SHERIFF TROY HECK

****UPDATE** - Evidence found at the scene of the crash indicates that the suspect vehicle is likely a 1992 to 1994 Toyota Camry.***

The Benton County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help in identifying a suspect in a hit and run accident. On August 22nd at about 6:00 pm the Benton County Sheriff's Office received the report of a two vehicle accident that occurred at the intersection of 65th St NE and 55th Ave NE in Mayhew Lake Township. Investigating deputies arrived on the scene and found a 2016 Ford pickup truck and travel trailer rolled over on the roadway and in the south ditch of 65th St NE. Deputies made contact with the driver of the pickup, Thomas Stang, age 55 of Sartell, and his passenger, Dawn Stang, age 53 of Sartell. Deputies learned that Thomas Stang had been driving eastbound on 65th St NE when he observed an older blue or green 4 door Toyota sedan approaching the intersection northbound on 55th Ave NE. Traffic on 65th St NE has the right of way at this intersection with stop signs posted for traffic on 55th Ave NE. Thomas Stang told deputies that the passenger car failed to stop at the stop sign, slid through the intersection, and collided with the travel trailer attached to Stang's vehicle. Stang's truck and trailer rolled over, with the trailer coming to rest on the roadway and the truck stopping in the ditch. The Toyota sedan also left the roadway and came to rest in the road ditch. As the Stangs exited their vehicle, the Toyota sedan worked free from the ditch and fled the scene going northbound on 55th Ave NE. The Stangs suffered non-life threatening injuries as a result of the crash.

The Benton County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help in locating the older blue or green 4 door Toyota sedan involved in this accident. The suspect vehicle should have significant front driver's side damage. The suspect driver in this accident is described as a white male who appeared to be less than 40 years old. Anyone with information about this crime or the suspect is asked to contact the Benton County Sheriff's Office at (320) 968-7201 or Tri-County Crime Stoppers at (800) 255-1301, www.tricountycrimestoppers.org.

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Troy Heck
Benton County Sheriff