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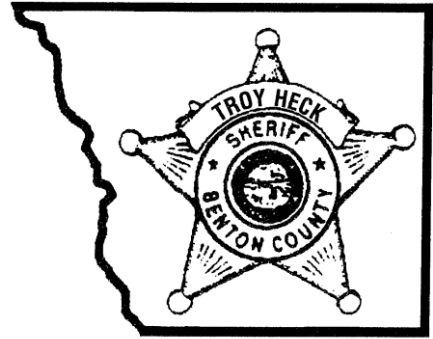
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Troy Heck, Sheriff
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PRESS RELEASE

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AUTHORITY OF SHERIFF TROY HECK

The Benton County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help investigating a series of grass fires.

Since March 29th, the Benton County Sheriff's Office, Foley Fire Department, Sauk Rapids Fire Department, and DNR fire crews have responded to 7 grass fires burning in road ditches in Benton County. The number and frequency of these fires, along with evidence found at some of the scenes, have led investigators to believe some or all of these fires have been intentionally set. The following fires are under investigation:

- March 29th at about 11:30 AM a grass fire was reported in the 2000 block of 55th St NE in Minden Township
- March 30th at about 9:25 AM a grass fire was reported in the 4700 block of 25th Ave NE in Minden Township
- March 31st at about 9:15 AM a grass fire was reported near the intersection of 5th Ave NE and 75th St NE in Watab Township
- March 31st at about 11:45 AM a grass fire was reported on 185th Ave NE near the intersection with Hwy 23 in Maywood Township
- March 31st at about 1:00 PM a grass fire was reported near the intersection of 180th Ave NE and Hwy 23 in Maywood Township
- April 1st at about 10:35 AM a grass fire was reported near the intersection of 55th Ave NE and 65th St NE in Mayhew Lake Township
- April 1st at about 10:50 AM a grass fire was reported near the intersection of 115th St NE and Mayhew Lake Rd NE in Mayhew Lake Township

The Benton County Sheriff's Office is seeking to make the public aware of these fire incidents and ask that anyone seeing suspicious vehicles report these vehicles to law enforcement immediately.

Anyone with information about these fires or the suspect(s) 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