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NEWS RELEASE

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Lawnmower Rollover Accident Kills Local Man

Earlier this afternoon, a man riding a Hustler zero turn mower slid down a ravine and overturned. A man riding another mower found the victim pinned under the mower and called for help. Fire, EMS and Sheriff's Deputies responded to the scene located in the 3200 block of Austin Chaney Road in eastern Union County. Rescue personnel managed to free the man but unfortunately, he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Union County Sheriff's deputies, detectives and crime scene personnel responded to investigate. It appears the victim, a male in his 70's, along with another man were mowing near the end of the grass air strip at Midstate Aviation before the victim's mower slid down the ravine, which was approximately 5 or 6 feet deep.

All evidence indicates the man's death was a tragic accident. His identity has not been released pending next of kin notification.

Point of contact for this press release is Chief Communications Officer Tony Underwood, 704-292-2707.

Citizens with information concerning criminal activity are encouraged to call:

Union County Sheriff's Office at 704-283-3789

Or

Union County Crimestoppers at 704-283-5600

