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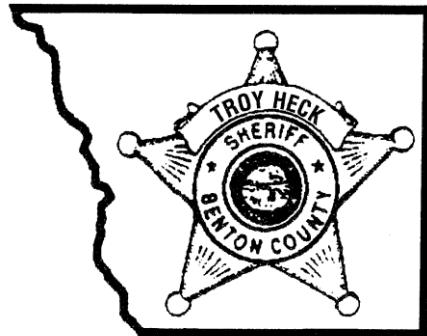
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PRESS RELEASE

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AUTHORITY OF SHERIFF TROY HECK

The Benton County Sheriff's Office and Foley Fire Department are investigating the cause of a fire that resulted in the death of one person. On 10-07-18 at about 6:00 pm Benton County deputies and Foley firefighters responded to a residential fire in the 14200 block of 78th St NE in Maywood Township. Responding deputies arrived to find heavy smoke pouring out of the residence and made contact with an adult male who stated he had to escape the home through a 2nd floor window. Deputies on scene learned that another adult male, later identified as Bruce Edward Linn (age 59 of Foley), was still inside the residence. The heavy smoke and flame present in the residence prohibited entry into the home. Upon their arrival, Foley firefighters entered the home, working to extinguish the fire and reach Linn. Linn was ultimately found deceased inside the home. An investigator from the State Fire Marshall's Office was dispatched to the scene to assist with the investigation. The cause of the fire remains under investigation at this time, as does the manner of Linn's death.

Troy Heck
Benton County Sheriff