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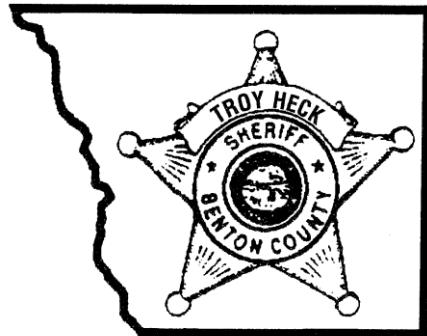
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Troy Heck, Sheriff
Neal Jacobson, Chief Deputy

PRESS RELEASE

DATE: 10-15-18

AUTHORITY OF SHERIFF TROY HECK

The Benton County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death of a 7 month old infant. On 10-13-18 at about 10:15 am, the Benton County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from a 33 year-old woman in Rice, MN. The woman reported that she believed her 7 month old son was deceased. Benton County deputies, Rice firefighters, and Gold Cross paramedics responded to the woman's home in the 1100 block of 108th St NW, Rice, Watab Township, MN. Upon arrival, deputies and firefighters found the 7 month old child inside the residence. Lifesaving efforts were begun, however a short time later, the child was pronounced dead at the scene. Deputies secured the residence and began an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the child's death. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension was called to the scene to assist with the investigation. The child's body was transported to the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy. The investigation into the cause and manner of this child's death is ongoing. There is no evidence of any threat to public safety as a result of this incident.

Troy Heck
Benton County Sheriff