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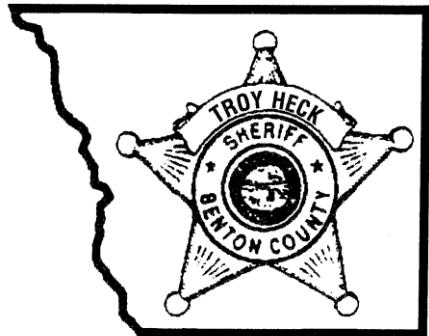
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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **AUTHORITY OF SHERIFF TROY HECK**

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, people near Sauk Rapids schools may see a North Memorial medical helicopter coming and going from the area. As a part of the DARE program, North Memorial Air Care will be bringing a medical helicopter to Pleasantview Elementary and Mississippi Heights Elementary schools in Sauk Rapids. The staff of North Memorial will be landing at the schools and doing a brief presentation on the helicopter and its capabilities for the students. One of the goals of the DARE program is to build rapport between students and first responders. This fly-in will provide students with the opportunity to learn about the important work done by medical flight crews. While the presence of a medical helicopter at an elementary school could be cause for alarm, we would like to assure the public that the flights on Friday are strictly for educational purposes.

Troy Heck  
Benton County Sheriff