



## Rice County Sheriff's Office

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# NEWS RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 02/25/19 08:30am**

**Contact Information:** Troy D. Dunn, Sheriff  
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**Date/Time of Incident:** 02-24-19 12:01 PM

**Incident Description:** Medical Incident, Fatality

**Location of Incident:** 24000 Block Iona Avenue, Morristown Township

**Victim Information:** Travis Scott Pineur 10/14/1985- 33 yoa, Morristown

### Description of Incident:

On 02/24/19 at 12:01 hours, Rice County Deputies were dispatched to a medical in Morristown Township. Tyler Nusbaum from rural Waterville stopped to help Travis Pineur of Rural Morristown who had gone into the ditch earlier in the day on Iona Avenue. The two men were using a tow strap to attempt to free Pineur's stuck vehicle. The receiver hitch from Nusbaum's vehicle broke while they were attempting to remove Pineur's truck causing the partial receiver hitch and trailer ball to propel towards Pineur's vehicle. The fractured hitch broke through the rear windows of the topper and truck and struck Pineur in the back of the head causing severe head trauma. Pineur was treated at the scene and transported to District One Hospital and later to Hennepin County Medical Center via ground Ambulance where he succumbed to his injuries.

The Rice County Sheriff's Office was assisted by Morristown Fire & Rescue and North Ambulance on scene.

Prepared by: **Sergeant Justin Hunt #1104 – Rice County Sheriff's Office**