

Rice County Sheriff's Office

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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 02/25/19 08:00am

Contact Information: Troy D. Dunn, Sheriff Tel.: 507-334-4391

Date/Time of Incident: 02-24-19 1:47am

Incident Description: Snowmobile crash fatality

Location of Incident: 6000 Block Hazelwood Avenue, Webster Township

Victim Information: Chad Daniel Vanzuilen 05/15/1981, 37 year old male

Description of Incident:

On 02/24/19 at 1:47 hours, Rice County Deputies were dispatched to attempt to locate a missing adult male snowmobiler in rural northern Rice County. The male subject left a residence in Webster Township on his snowmobile and did not arrive at his destination in the City of Northfield. Deputies and Northfield Fire & Rescue began searching possible routes to include areas in rural Webster, Bridgewater, and Forest Townships. The missing male and his snowmobile were located in the 6000 block of Hazelwood Avenue at approximately 3:45am. The male subject was transported to Northfield Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

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

Prepared by: Sergeant Trevor Peterson #1110 – Rice County Sheriff's Office