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IMMEDIATE USE PRESS RELEASE

TYPE: Fatal Airplane Crash

DATE OF RELEASE: April 27, 2018

DATE AND TIME OCCURRED: April 27, 2018 at approximately 2:16 PM

LOCATION: Boardman Township, Kalkaska County

VICTIMS: Thomas Wolfe 71 Year Old Male from Indiana
Mary Wolfe 70 Year Old Female from Indiana

INFORMATION: Sheriff Pat Whiteford reports that on Friday, 4/27/18 at approximately 2:16 PM Kalkaska Central Dispatch received a 911 call reporting a plane crash. Deputies responded to the scene and found a red, single engine, fixed wing air plane had crashed just west of U.S. 131 and Vroom Road in Boardman Township.

Deputies secured the scene until investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) arrived. After the FAA investigators cleared the scene, the aircraft and victims were removed from the area.

The two victims found in the plane were pronounced dead at the scene by first responders. It was determined that Mr. Wolfe had been piloting the plane and the cause of the crash is still under investigation.

The Kalkaska Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Michigan State Police, Boardman Twp Fire Department, Kalkaska Twp Fire Department, Kalkaska EMS and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Questions for the FAA can be sought through the Great Lakes Region FAA Public Affairs Office.

APPROVED BY:

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