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## Airplane Crash at Union County Airport

On Thursday, April 11, 2019 at approximately 3:42 pm, the Union County Sheriff's Office received a 9-1-1 call reporting an airplane crash near the runway at the Union County Airport. Deputies and units from the Marysville Police Department and the Marysville Fire Department responded to the airport on Clymer Road and found a 1977 Cessna R182 single engine aircraft upside down along the runway. The initial investigation has revealed that while the plane was landing, it was forced off the runway by a strong gust of wind and flipped upside down when the nose of the plane dug into the ground. The pilot has been identified as David J. Downing, age 21 of Zanesville and he was not injured. The plane is owned by King Air Charter LLC of Zanesville, Ohio. The Federal Aviation Administration was notified of the crash and was expected at the Union County Airport today to continue the investigation.

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Sheriff Malcum J. "Jamie" Patton

Plane Crash Photo:

