



For Immediate Release: March 18, 2019
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***Sheriff's Office Investigating
Fatal Plane Crash on US Route 42
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The Union County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Union County Coroners Office, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the National Transportation Safety Board continue to investigate a fatal plane crash that occurred on March 17, 2019 at approximately 5:42 pm. The plane crashed in a farm field along US Route 42, between Harriott Road and Bell Road in Jerome Township. US Route 42 was closed until approximately 4:00 am on March 18th. US Route 42 will be temporarily closed for an unknown period of time at approximately 2:00 pm today for the investigation to continue. Detours will be handled by the Ohio Department of Transportation. The road will be closed at US Route 33 in Union County and State Route 257 in Delaware County.

Investigators have identified the deceased pilot as Matthew A. Hayden, age 44 of Phoenix, Arizona. The flight was determined to have originated from Dayton International Airport in Dayton, Ohio at approximately 5:17 pm and was enroute to the Delaware Municipal Airport in Delaware, Ohio. The aircraft is owned by Classic Solutions Company, Incorporated of Bakersfield, California. The plane is a 1974 Cessna 421B fixed wing, multi engine aircraft with eight seats and two engines.

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