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**PRESS RELEASE**

On Wednesday, May 19, at 12:41 p.m., the Sioux County Sheriff's Office received a call reporting a small aircraft that was observed to be down in a field approximately one mile southwest of Orange City, IA.

Upon further investigation it was determined that an ultra light aircraft, piloted by Gary Van Skike, 53 of Maurice, IA had been approaching the Orange City Municipal Airport when the airplane ran out of gas. Van Skike was able to safely land the plane approximately one mile northwest of the airport runway in a cornfield.

There was no damage done to the airplane and no injuries were reported.

The sheriff's office was assisted by the Orange City Police Department and the Orange City Fire and Ambulance.

