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**PRESS RELEASE**

On Monday, July 26 at 10:15 pm, the Sioux County Sheriff's Office investigated a motorcycle versus deer accident on Hwy 60 near McKinley Ave. , just south of Sheldon, IA.

Chad Baatz, age 32, from Hospers, IA was driving a 2007 Kawasaki Vulcan on the Hwy 60 on-ramp when a deer entered the path of his motorcycle. Rebecca Nielson, age 29, from Hospers, IA was a passenger on the motorcycle. Baatz struck the deer causing him to lose control. Both parties were thrown from the motorcycle. The motorcycle came to rest in the north ditch.

Baatz and Nielson were transported to the Sheldon Hospital by private vehicle where they were treated for their injuries.

The motorcycle received approximately \$2500 in damages.

The investigation is ongoing.