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### Yakima County Sheriff's Office Press Release For Immediate Release

Date: November 24, 2018

Incident Number: 18c21406

Incident/Offense: Aircraft Incident

Location: State Route 24, mile post 22

Incident Date and Time: 11/24/2018 @ 1417 hours

The Yakima County Sheriff's Office received a report of a possible aircraft incident at 1417 hours on November 24, 2018. A pilot reported to have lost engine power to his aircraft approximately seven miles north of State Route 24 near Moxee, Washington.

Units from the Yakima County Sheriff's Office, Moxee Police Department, Union Gap Police Department, Washington State Patrol and the East Valley Fire Department responded and closed State Route 24 between University Parkway and Beaudry Road to provide a landing strip for the airplane. When the aircraft did not arrive, units conducted an area search. The Civil Air Patrol also had a plane conducting a grid search for the lost aircraft.

A short time later, information was received that the plane had landed in a field at mile marker 22 along State Route 24.

The pilot, a 36-year-old Yakima resident, stated that his 1951 Cessna 170's engine suffered from a mechanical problem and the aircraft lost power. He notified the Yakima Air Terminal tower of his situation and found in which to land. The plowed field ran along the north side of State Route 24 at mile post 22 east of Moxee, Washington. The plane was not damaged during the landing. Neither the pilot nor his 39-year-old wife suffered any injuries in the incident.

The Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board were notified of the incident.

Sergeant Christopher A. Gray #48

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