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Attachments: Photo of Plane At Rest.jpg

On 01-27-2019 at about 1608 the Yakima County Sheriff's Office was notified of a small plane that had gone down in the 9500 block of N Wenas Rd. Law Enforcement and Fire Department personnel located the plane and pilot several hundred yards out into a field on the west side of N Wenas Rd. The pilot was the only occupant of the plane and was not injured. The pilot stated that he was flying overhead when he experienced an engine malfunction that could not be resolved before he was required to make an emergency landing.

The plane touched down in a large open field and traveled about 300 feet before coming to rest. The only significant damage at this point appears to be to a barbed wire fence on one edge of the field. The plane doesn't appear to have been significantly damaged. It is anticipated that when engine repairs are made to the plane that the plane will be able to be flown away from the scene.

The FAA and the NTSB have been notified.

The pilot is identified as 73 year old James Bell of Yakima.

A photo of the plane at rest has been attached.

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