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Press Release

September 14, 2011:

On September 6, 2011 at approximately 1030am the sheriffs office received a report of a unresponsive unconscious man on at a residence on Mississippi Rd in rural Guttenberg. Upon arrival of deputies it was found that John Gradoville 61 of Guttenberg was trimming a tree behind his house when the limb knocked him off the ladder. Gradoville was found by a friend and called 911. When Guttenberg EMS and deputies it arrived it was apparent that Gradoville was deceased. No foul play is suspected and the death appears to be accidental. The Clayton County Medical Examiner office is continuing the investigation. The sheriffs office was assisted by the Guttenberg Police and EMS.

“The filing of a criminal charge is merely an accusation and the accused is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt”.
