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## Press Release

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### **Sheriff's Office Investigates Farm Accident**

**Hillsdale, NY-** Sheriff David P. Bartlett reports that Sheriff's Deputies along with the Craryville Fire Department and Community Rescue Squad were dispatched by Columbia County 911 at about 10:27am this date, to the Honey Dog Farm located at #284 Rodman Road in the Town of Hillsdale for a report of a man trapped under a tractor.

A hired hand was mowing the property on a Kubota L4310D tractor pulling a Flex Wing Woods mower. 73 year old Kenneth Rice of Churchtown climbed off the tractor to open a gated field and the tractor began to roll towards him. The front tire of the tractor ran over his body and Mr. Rice then became wedged under the axle of the left side rear cutter deck, which was not under operation at the time.

Kenneth Rice was taken by helicopter to Albany Medical Center for internal injuries.

Investigating for the Sheriff's Department was Captain John DeRocha, Lieutenant Wayne Lopez, Sergeant Eli Fieser, Deputy Kelly Briscoe and Deputy Bernard Roberts.