



OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: 07/29/2017
Complaint Number: 17-237161
Type of Incident: Fatal Industrial Accident
Reporting Officer: D. Forman
Supervisor Approval: Sgt. E. Rakow

On 07/29/2017 at approximately 3:10PM, the Kent County Sheriff Department responded to an industrial accident in Caledonia Township, Kent County, MI. The investigation revealed that Daniel Hibma, 56 years old from Caledonia, was working at the Caledonia Farmers Elevator. An employee, who was not working, drove by and saw that Hibma had not finished working. The employee knew this was unusual, searched the buildings, and found that Hibma had been involved in an accident. Caledonia and Kentwood Fire Departments worked together using technical rescue equipment to recover Hibma. Life Ambulance pronounced him deceased at the scene of the accident. The investigation is still on going and additional details may be released at a later date.