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INITIAL PRESS RELEASE

(completed by Investigating Officer)

Date: August 17, 2012

Issued by: Dep. Mark Brecht

Type of Incident: Injury Hit-Skip Accident

Location: Us. Rt. 224 1 mile west of Gilboa

Information Released:

At 1:43am Friday, August 17, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office received calls reporting a vehicle involved in an accident on US Rt. 224 approximately one mile west of Gilboa. The vehicle, driven by Scott Francis Hunter, age 31 of Ottawa, had been westbound on Us. Rt. 224 when it spun into the edge of a woods due to a broken rear tire. Deputies observed evidence that the vehicle had damage caused by a previous collision that may have caused the tire to eventually break. Deputy Chuck Bishop searched the area and found a utility pole had been hit on Old St. Rt. 224. They determined that Mr. Hunter had previously collided with it and had continued on until his rear tire gave out causing the final, reported collision. Charges are pending and it is believed alcohol is a factor. Mr. Hunter had minor injuries and was transported to Putnam County Ambulatory Care Center where he was treated and released. Assisting at the scene were the Ottawa Police Department, Ottawa EMS, Putnam County Medic 300 and Service 301, and Gilboa Fire Department.

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