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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: November 10, 2015

Complaint Number: 15-157174

Type of Incident: Accidental Death

Narrative:

*** UPDATE***

The victim in this incident was Thomas William Hammond, DOB: 10-29-55. The incident occurred while working at 1046 Hull ST NE, in Algoma Township. Hammond was working for Spartan Farms, 11116 Pine Island DR, Sparta MI, where he was a long time employee.

On November 10, 2015 at approximately 1125 am the Kent County Sheriff Department, Sparta Fire Department, Algoma Fire Department and Rockford ambulance were dispatched to a Sparta area farm on a complaint of a 60 year old male who was having difficulty breathing after being attacked by a bull. Once on scene, Aeromed was requested and also responded.

Employees were attempting to load a farm bull to remove it from the farm when the bull ran away from the waiting trailer and back in to the barn, where the victim was located. The bull ran to the victim and attacked him, hitting the victim's chest with his head several times. Employees were able to separate the bull from the victim, assisting him out of the barn.

Rescue personnel rendered aid to the victim, however the victim soon became unresponsive. Aeromed landed a short time later but did not transport as the victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

Kent County Animal Control also responded and did not find any animal violations. The victim and farm name is not being released pending family notification.