

On Friday March 20th at approximately 7:15 pm, the Wadena County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call regarding a possible electrocution. A rural Staples man, age 49, was walking through a wooded area when he came in contact with a downed power line. Emergency crews arrived on scene and began live saving efforts on the man; he was transported to Lakewood Hospital with serious injuries, and was later pronounced dead. The Wadena County Sheriff's Office, Staples Police Department, Staples Ambulance, State Patrol and Staples Fire Department all responded to the incident.