



On Wednesday, December 10, 2014, at approximately 3:00pm, the Wadena County Sheriff's Office received a request of a welfare check on 119<sup>th</sup> Ave, in section 33 of Blueberry Township. Upon arrival at the scene, a trailer house was located on fire and it was reported that a male individual, identified as Stephen Leritz age 47, of Menahga, was still inside. Deputies were able to get Leritz out of the residence before it was overcome by the fire.

The Menahga and Sebeka Fire Departments arrived on scene and extinguished the fire. The residence was a total loss.

The Wadena County Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by the Menahga Fire Department, Sebeka Fire Department, Sebeka Police Department, Menahga Police Department, Minnesota State Patrol, Tri-County Ambulance and the State Fire Marshals Office.

This case is still pending investigation.