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Note: A photograph is attached.

Nevada man killed in plane crash

(Rock Springs, Wyo. - April 16, 2012) A plane crash in southern Sweetwater County took the life of a Winnemucca, Nevada man on April 12.

Sweetwater County Sheriff Rich Haskell and County Coroner Dale Majhanovich said Cranfill A. "Buster" High, 65, took off from Sidney, Nebraska in his twin-engine Cessna 320D at 3:30 PM Mountain Standard Time on April 12, bound initially for Riverton, Wyoming, where he had family.

A family member told county detectives she believes he changed his mind en route and diverted to Winnemucca.

The Civil Air Patrol and the Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office were notified on April 13 when a routine ramp check at the airport in Riverton showed that High's aircraft was not there.

Working with radar-sourced coordinates, county deputies launched a search and located the crash site around 10:00 AM some 22½ miles southwest of Green River near Dry Creek. Haskell said firefighters of the Green River Fire Department also responded, and assisted county officers at the scene.

According to Sheriff Ed Kilgore of the Humboldt County

Sheriff's Office, High owned Winnemucca Air Services in Winnemucca and served as the Winnemucca Municipal Airport's Fixed Base Operator.

High was the sole occupant of his aircraft.

Haskell said investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board have begun their investigation.

There was no information about the cause of the crash available as of press time.

"The scene of the crash that took the life of Cranfill A. "Buster" High of Winnemucca, Nevada. County officials said debris was strewn over an area of about 1,000 yards. At left, Firefighter Brandon Brady of the Green River Fire Department and, at right, Detective Mark Furman of the Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office."