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PRESS RELEASE

02/25/2010 – Seneca County Sheriff's Deputies investigated a two vehicle motor vehicle accident involving a pickup truck and a Seneca County snow plow that occurred on Border City Road in the Town of Waterloo. Deputies report that the snow plow, driven by Benjamin Freier, age 25, 3936 Route 414, Seneca Falls, New York was eastbound plowing snow on Border City Road, when a westbound pick up truck driven by Howard J Mazzoli, age 49, 26 West Elizabeth Street, Waterloo, New York was attempting to make a left hand turn into a Town of Waterloo business. Deputies report that Mazzoli had pulled over onto the south shoulder and turned in front of the snowplow. Sheriff's Deputies report that Freier took evasive action and was able to move the plow enough to the left so that the impact was on the snow plow "wing" rather than directly on the large front plow. Mazzoli's 1997 Ford F 150 sustained heavy damage and was towed from the scene. Deputies report that the impact punched a nearly two foot hole in the plow wing and bent the assembly. The plow was driven from the scene, and taken to the Seneca County Highway garage in Romulus for repairs, as it was needed to keep up with the recent winter storm. Freier was uninjured, and Mazzoli reported abrasions on his head but refused medical treatment at the scene. The airbags did deploy in the Mazzoli vehicle, which was a contributing factor in the lack of serious injury, considering the impact of the accident. Mazzoli was issued a ticket for failure to keep right and will appear in the Town of Waterloo Court on March 16th to answer the charge.

Sheriff's Deputies are reminding the public to always drive at an appropriate reduced speed for the weather conditions and to make sure to allow for extra room and stopping distance for large trucks, snow plows and heavy equipment.