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PRESS RELEASE

On 7/4/19, at approximately 10:20 pm, Crow Wing County Sheriff's deputies responded to an address on Co Rd 3, north of Merrifield for a fireworks-caused injury. It was reported a 49 year-old male had suffered an injury to his face caused by projectile fireworks at a private residence. The male was transported by ambulance to the St Joseph's Medical Center Emergency Department and later transferred to the Hennepin County Medical Center to receive care for his wounds.

Deputies learned at the scene, the male was attempting to light four boxes of aerial firework mortars. In doing so, a firework went off and struck him in the face.

Deputies confiscated more illegal fireworks at the scene, and the incident is still under investigation. The Mission Fire Department, North Ambulance and Crosslake Police Department assisted at the scene.

The Crow Wing County Sheriff's office would like to emphasize that all fireworks are dangerous, especially those that are illegal to purchase/possess in Minnesota. The safest places to enjoy fireworks are at venues where they are displayed by professionals doing so legally.