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NEWS RELEASE

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**Perkins County Sheriff's Office
Investigates Unattended Death**

On Saturday, October 23, 2004 at approximately 8:53 pm. Deputies from the Perkins County Sheriff's Office began searching for Donald T. Svoboda, 78, of rural Grant, after being contacted by Mr. Svoboda's family who informed deputies that Mr. Svoboda had unexpectedly left his rural Grant residence and was possibly missing.

At approximately 9:49 p.m., Perkins County Deputy Sheriff Rick Dreiling located the deceased body of 78-year-old Donald T. Svoboda in a rural Madrid farm building owned by Svoboda. Mr. Svoboda appeared to have died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest. There were no indications of foul play.

Perkins County Acting Sheriff James Brueggeman and Perkins County Coroner Rick Roberts were summoned to the scene and assisted in the unattended death investigation. The investigation is continuing; an autopsy is scheduled for Monday, October 25, 2004.

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