

MIDLAND COUNTY **SHERIFF**

SHERIFF SCOTT STEPHENSON

MEDIA RELEASE

On Friday November 16th, 2018 I was arrested in Kalkaska County for Operating while Intoxicated.

The reason for sharing this is to first say that I am sorry, to take responsibility for the mistake I made as well as to make sure there are no misunderstandings about the incident.

On the morning of November 16th, I was at a deer camp in Kalkaska County, MI. While at deer camp I consumed alcohol. I left deer camp in my car to get cell phone reception.

I felt the alcohol take an effect while driving. I pulled over to the side of the road to attempt to get service for the camp to pick me up. I received no answer and decided to wait. A passerby called the Sheriff's Office and a Deputy from Kalkaska County arrived at the scene. I was arrested for Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated.

It is my intention to go into court and plead guilty. I am accepting responsibility for my poor choice and will comply with the court's orders and recommendations. I have also sought the advice of a counselor to determine if this was an isolated incident, or if there are other issues I need to address.

On November 16th, I failed to hold myself to the standards to which I have set for myself. I am embarrassed, ashamed and deeply regret the decision to consume alcohol and drive. My poor decision affects not only myself, but my family, the Midland County Sheriff's Office and my constituents. I will accept full responsibility for my decision that day. No one else is responsible.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Scott Stephenson

