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**PRESS RELEASE**

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On Friday, March 9, at 5:20 p.m., the Sioux County Sheriff's Office investigated a motor vehicle accident that occurred on Highway 60, one mile south of Alton, IA.

Alvin Bedeaux, age 78, of Webster, MN was driving a 2013 Nissan van northbound on Highway 60. Timothy Droog, age 37, of Orange City, IA, was driving a 2016 Nissan Titan pickup pulling a trailer northbound on Highway 60 behind Bedeaux. Droog struck Bedeaux twice and exited Highway 60 without stopping for after the accident. Officer located Droog a short time later after his vehicle and trailer became stuck on a low maintenance road southwest of Alton.

No injuries were reported.

Bedeaux's Nissan sustained approximately \$900 in damage. Droog's Nissan sustained approximately \$700 in damage.

Upon further investigation deputies suspected that Droog was under the influence of alcohol.

Droog was arrested and charged with second offense operating while intoxicated, operating a motor vehicle with a revoked driver's license and leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Orange City Police Department.

