

Weekend hunting accident claims Shelby man's life

SHELBY -- A 53-year-old Shelby man died Monday, December 3 at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, as a result of a gunshot wound suffered in a hunting accident near Shelby the previous day.

Shelby County Sheriff's reports said Gary J. Damgaard was hunting with two companions, both of Shelby at approximately 8 a.m. Sunday morning, December 2 near Shelby. The three were walking parallel about 150 yards apart. Reports said one of the men, who was not identified, spotted a deer on top of a hill and shot three times in an effort to bring the deer down. Reports said Damgaard apparently was in the line of fire and was shot once in the chest.

Damgaard was taken to Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan by the hunters and later transferred by Medivac Ambulance/Rescue to Jennie Edmundson Hospital. Sheriff's officials were notified of the accident at 8:43 a.m.