



NEWS RELEASE

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE

Hunter Rescued After Falling From Tree Stand

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ROSCOMMON COUNTY, MI. On opening day of firearm deer season, Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at approximately 6:00 a.m., a 61-year-old Almont man fell from his tree stand in Roscommon County in the Dead Stream Swamp area. After falling from approximately 25 feet, he was able to crawl to his backpack, which was still on the ground, and retrieve his cell phone to call his brother and 911. His vehicle was located, and his brother arrived to lead troopers from the Michigan State Police (MSP) Houghton Lake Post and a deputy from the Roscommon County Sheriff's Office to the victim. Suspecting possible pelvic, back and chest injuries, troopers requested assistance from Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City. With the difficult terrain and distance from any travelable roadway, and considering the incapacitating injuries, the Coast Guard executed a basket air lift from the scene. Troopers were assisted by Roscommon Twp. Fire Dept and EMS, Roscommon County Sheriff's Office, a conservation officer from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City.