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## IMMEDIATE USE PRESS RELEASE

TYPE; Fatal Snowmobile Accident  
DATE OF RELEASE: January 15, 2018  
DATE AND TIME OCCURRED: January 14, 2018  
LOCATION: E. Shore Dr., Coldsprings Twp, Kalkaska County, MI  
VICTIM: Nick Gerard Evers, 49 Year Old Male from St. John's, MI

INFORMATION: Sheriff Pat Whiteford reports that on 1/14/16 at approximately 6:56 a.m., Dispatch received a call from Sandy Evers, the wife of the victim. Sandy reported that her husband, Nick Gerard Evers from St. Johns, MI was last seen at midnight this same date. Nick was reported to be riding a 2000 Artic Cat snowmobile on Manistee Lake in Coldsprings Township. Evers appeared to be travelling at a high rate of speed. The impact into an embankment on the lake's shoreline (approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile Sands Park) ejected him from the snowmobile and directly into a tree. Deputies from the Kalkaska Sheriff Office, Frederic EMS and Station 6 Rescue responded to the scene to assist. Although Evers was wearing a helmet, he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Deputies have determined that speed was a factor in the crash. In addition, alcohol was believed to be a factor in the crash.

APPROVED BY;

PAT WHITEFORD, SHERIFF