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IMMEDIATE USE PRESS RELEASE

TYPE: FATAL SNOWMOBILE ACCIDENT 140-0144-16
DATE OF RELEASE: JANUARY 16, 2016
DATE OF ACCIDENT: JANUARY 15, 2016 AT 7:48 P.M.
TOWNSHIP: OLIVER TWP. SUNSET TRL NEAR KING RD
VEHICLES: 2016 SKI DOO
VICTIM: WILLIAM MARTIN WELHUSEN 02/17/1966
LESLIE, MI

INFORMATION: KALKASKA COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO A SINGLE SNOWMOBILE ACCIDENT ON SUNSET TRL NEAR KING RD IN OLIVER TWP. SUBJECT WAS TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON SUNSET TRL ATTEMPTING TO CATCH UP TO THE GROUP HE WAS TRAVELING WITH AND OVERSHOT A CURVE, STRIKING A TREE. SPEED APPEARED TO BE A FACTOR. SUBJECT WAS PRONOUNCED DECEASED AT THE SCENE. KALKASKA SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS ASSISTED ON SCENE BY KALKASKA EMS, GARFIELD TWP FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION #3, FIFE LAKE FIRE AND RESCUE BATTALION #6, AND CRAWFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

STATUS: OPEN PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

APPROVED:

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