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## IMMEDIATE USE PRESS RELEASE

TYPE: FATAL SNOWMOBILE ACCIDENT 140-0777-16  
DATE OF RELEASE: MARCH 4, 2016  
DATE OF ACCIDENT: MARCH 4, 2016 AT 2:12P.M.  
TOWNSHIP: OLIVER TWP. SUNSET TRL NEAR CCC BRIDGE  
VEHICLES: 2012 YAMAHA  
VICTIM: CRAIG STEPHEN BYE 7/6/1955, SAGINAW, MI

**INFORMATION:** Sheriff Pat Whiteford reports that on 3/4/16 at approximately 2:12p.m the Kalkaska County Sheriff Office responded to Sunset Trail near the CCC Bridge for a fatal snowmobile accident.

Deputies on scene found that 60 year old Craig Stephen Bye was driving a 2012 Yamaha snowmobile with his 5 year old grandson on the snowmobile with him, both wearing helmets. Deputies found that the snowmobile appeared to have crossed Sunset Trail near the CCC Bridge at a high rate of speed where it struck a low hanging branch and then collided with another tree. Bye struck the tree and was pronounced deceased on scene. The 5 year old grandson was conscious and flown to Munson Medical Center for treatment.

The Kalkaska Sheriff Office was assisted on scene by Michigan DNR officers along with Station 7 and Station 8 Fire departments, Kalkaska EMS and North flight.

Alcohol is not believed to be a factor

STATUS: OPEN PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

APPROVED:

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