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PRESS RELEASE

TYPE: FATAL DROWNING ACCIDENT 140-3236-16

DATE OF RELEASE: September 6, 2016

DATE OCCURRED: September 4, 2016 AT 4:56 PM

LOCATION: CLEARWATER TWP. NORTH END OF THE SANDBAR

VICTIM: STEVEN VAL IWANIW, 53 YO W/M GRAND RAPIDS, MI

INFORMATION: Sheriff Pat Whiteford regrestfully reports that on 9/4/16 at approximately 4:56 p.m., the Kalkaska Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol along with Antrim County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol responded to a scene of a drowning accident on the north end of the Torch lake Sandbar after Kalkaska Central Dispatch received a 911 call.

On-scene deputies stated that 53 year old Steven Iwaniw of Grand Rapids was boating on Torch Lake with family. Is family members reported that Iwaniw swam out approximately 20 feet into deep water to retrieve a toy when he began having difficulties swimming. Iwaniw attempted to swim back to the boat but was unable to do so. The victim went under water for approximately 30 seconds at which tim a 10 year old relative of the victim was able to pull him above water. Family members were able to get Iwaniw back to shallow water and onto the boat to begin CPR. Deputies from both Sheriff's Offices arrived shortly thereafter and continued with the CPR. The victim was then moved onto Antrim County's vessel to the DNR launch at the Torch Lake Bridge where he was transferred to Kalkaska EMS and then conveyed to Kalkaska Memorial Health Center where he was pronounced deceased.

The Kalkaska Sheriff Office was assisted on scene byu Antrim County Sheriff's Office and Kalkaska EMS.

STATUS: OPEN PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

APPROVED:

SHERIFF PATRICK J. WHITEFORD