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32-Year-Old East Bethel Man Dies in Snowmobile Crash

On January 18, 2018, Deputies from the Anoka County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division were dispatched to an area on the channel of Coon Lake near Dogwood Road to a snowmobile crash. The caller was walking a dog in the area and came upon the crash scene. It appeared as if the crash happened some time ago. This wasn't a witnessed event, rather a passerby on foot in the area came upon the scene.

It appears that an adult male was traveling westbound across the Coon Lake channel and struck a tree on the shoreline. Based on the damage done to the front end of the snowmobile, it appears he was traveling at a high rate of speed. The male did not appear to be wearing a helmet. It is unknown now if alcohol played a factor in the crash.

The decedent has tentatively been identified as a 32-year-old male who resides in East Bethel. We will not release a name until we have positively identified him and notified next of kin.

The Anoka County Sheriff's Office wishes to remind the snowmobiling public of some basic safety principals. Please watch your speed, snowmobile with a partner or let somebody know your intended travels, be aware of the trails you ride on and always wear a helmet. The accident is under the investigation of the Anoka County Sheriff's Office and the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office.

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