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Hayden Lake Fatality Crash Update

Hayden, Idaho: The Kootenai County Sheriff's Office Traffic Team and the Kootenai County Coroner's Office continue to investigate the Hayden Lake Fatality vehicle crash from January 13, 2018.

Today, an autopsy was performed on Christopher Lancaster -34 of Spokane Valley, WA who is believed to have been the driver of the vehicle. Investigators believe alcohol intoxication was likely a factor and are expecting the final autopsy reports, including a toxicology screen, in 4-6 weeks.

The survivor of the crash, Andrea Berkey, is recovering from the loss of her friend with family. She was released from the hospital with only minor injuries.

Prior to this incident, there have been two vehicle crashes into the water at Honeysuckle Boat Launch in the past 12 years, with one being a fatality. Both occurred in 2011 and alcohol intoxication was determined to be the primary cause of these two other crashes.

This is an ongoing investigation and additional information will be released when appropriate.

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