



SHERIFF KOOTENAI COUNTY



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MEDIA RELEASE UPDATE

****April 23, 2018 at 10:00am****

Coeur d' Alene Woman Dies After Driving Car Into Fernan Lake

On the morning of April 23, 2018, Kootenai Health advised Pepper Richardson, a 40 year old woman from Coeur d' Alene, died during the night.

Richardson was previously listed in critical condition at Kootenai Health. Richardson had been pulled from her vehicle on April 22, 2018 after she drove off Fernan Lake Rd. and crashed into approximately 12 feet of water.

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Office Traffic Team continues to investigate the incident. Alcohol and speed are believed to factors in the crash.

More information will be released as it becomes available.

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