



Garfield County Coroner's Office

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Coroner

PRESS RELEASE

Date: September 18, 2018

Subject: September 15, 2018 fatal ATV Crash, Identity of deceased.

Identity of Deceased: Steven Gooderham, 60-year-old male, resident of Westminster, CO.

On Saturday September 15, 2018 at approximately 12:40pm the Garfield County Coroner's Office was dispatched to the Flat Tops Area of the White River National Forest approximately 19 miles North of Silt, CO on Forest Service Rd. 211 for a report of a male deceased in the woods.

Sheriff and Coroner investigators arrived to the scene and learned that a hunter in the area found the decedent and reported the death to authorities. Investigators determined that the decedent was operating his ATV and had crashed his ATV into a tree in a wooded area. As a result, the decedent was ejected from his ATV. Mr. Gooderham was hunting and camping alone in the area and there are no known witnesses to the crash. Investigators believe the crash may have occurred between the evenings of September 12 to September 14, 2018.

Coroner's Office investigators identified the male as Steven Gooderham, a 60 year old male and resident of Westminster, CO.

On Monday September 16, 2018, the Garfield County Coroner's Office contract forensic pathologist performed an autopsy on Mr. Stephens. The Coroner's Office is investigating the cause of death as blunt force injuries and the manner of death as an accident. The decedent was not wearing a helmet. However, there were no significant head injuries that contributed to the cause of death.

No further information is available at this time.

Respectfully,

Robert Glassmire
Garfield County Coroner