



Garfield County Coroner's Office

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Coroner

PRESS RELEASE

Date: July 7, 2020

Subject: July 6, 2020 Triple Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash near Silt, CO.

Identity of Deceased: Pending Identification and notification of next of kin.

On July 6, 2020 at approximately 10:00pm, the Garfield County Coroner's Office was dispatched to mile marker 100, Hwy 6, near Silt, CO for a report of a motor vehicle crash involving two vehicles and three fatalities. Coroner's Office investigators responded and upon arrival learned that two pickup trucks were involved in a head on collision that resulted in a fire. The fire engulfed both vehicles. Three males were pronounced dead.

The impact from the crash and the subsequent fire has limited the Coroner's Office investigators from determining a positive identification on all three males. Circumstantial identification of the decedents is ongoing. The Coroner's Office is working with families to achieve forensic identification. The Coroner's Office understands that the families impacted by this tragedy may provide statements and identification of the deceased via their personal social media platforms. The Coroner's Office will only release the names of the deceased to the public once forensic identification is determined, which could take days or weeks.

Autopsies are scheduled for July 8, 2020 with the Coroner's Office contract pathologist. The Coroner's Office will release findings regarding cause and manner of death and decedent identification when as information becomes available.

The Garfield County Coroner's Office was assisted by the Colorado State Patrol, Garfield County Sheriff's Office, Colorado River Fire Rescue, Silt Police Department, Rifle Police Department, and Colorado Department of Transportation. The Coroner's Office is grateful for the teamwork provided by these agencies during this difficult multiagency response.

Respectfully,

Robert M. Glassmire
Garfield County Coroner