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For Immediate Release

Contact: Sergeant Kent Sisson

Incident #: **14c01523** **Fatality Accident**

Derby Canyon Area - Chelan County

Phone: 509-630-7506

Date: **02/20/2014**

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UPDATE - 02/21/2014 10:54am

The Chelan County Coroner's Office has positively identified the passenger killed in the motor vehicle accident discovered Thursday on USFS Road 125, as Douglas Strader (68yoa) from Dryden, WA . Strader's family has been contacted out of state.

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Sheriff Brian Burnett reports two individuals were located deceased near their wrecked vehicle off of a USFS Road in the Derby Canyon area of west Chelan County Thursday morning. The subjects were reported "overdue" just after 10:00pm on Wednesday night when they had not returned home to Peshastin, WA.

The vehicle owner, Ronald Schober (50yoa) of Peshastin had told family members he was going for "a drive" into the Derby Canyon area at around 11:00am Wednesday morning. Schober and a male friend were seen leaving the area in Schober's yellow 2008 Jeep Rubicon AWD vehicle. *(Next of kin for the friend has not been identified or contacted - his name is being withheld).*

Search and rescue coordinators were advised of the overdue subjects at 6:45am Thursday morning when the two subjects still had not returned home. At 10:11am a search and rescue team checking the roads on snowmobiles located the vehicle approximately 75 yards down a steep embankment off of USFS Road 125. Both individuals were deceased at the scene.

Primitive USFS roads are not maintained during winter months and snow on the Derby Canyon area roads was over 2 feet deep in places. The Jeep tracks were covered by about one inch of fresh snow and were the only vehicle tracks visible on the roadway. It appears Schober was driving the vehicle and lost traction while attempting to continue up a slope on the road in deep wet snow. The vehicle slid to its right side and then

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backwards over the embankment, rolling completely over. The passenger was ejected from the vehicle.

Both bodies have been recovered and Schober's family has been contacted.

Inquiries concerning this media release can be directed to Sergeant Kent Sisson at the Chelan County Sheriff's Office.

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