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Yukon Coroner's Service and RCMP investigate death on Tatshenshini river

June 26, 2025 – The Yukon Coroner's Service, with assistance from the Haines Junction detachment of the Yukon RCMP, is investigating a river rafting fatality that occurred on June 22, 2025, on the Tatshenshini River.

A group of river guides based out of Haines, Alaska with extensive rafting experience were on a recreational paddle during a day off when the incident occurred.

The group consisted of 24 people within four rafts. Their trip started off on the Blanchard River. Approximately one hour into the trip, at the confluence with the Tatshenshini River while going through "The Big Three" rapids (named Boulder Garden, C to C, and Twin Holes), one raft high-sided on a rock and flipped. While the water was high, the raft that flipped had five experienced river guides in it. All five people were thrown into the water upon the raft flipping, four of whom were recovered immediately.

One of the five people in the raft was in the water for several minutes before resurfacing and was brought onto another raft where resuscitation efforts began immediately as the group moved towards the shore. Tragically, these efforts were unsuccessful.

The incident claimed the life of 33-year-old Marin Elizabeth PITT who died on the scene. PITT – who was originally from Utah but had been working as a river guide in Haines, Alaska since April 2025 – had over 10 years of experience in rafting and guiding and was wearing full safety gear, including a personal floatation device, a wet/dry suit, a helmet and appropriate under-clothing.

The Yukon Coroner's Service is deeply saddened by this incident and extends its condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Ms. PITT.

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