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Yukon Coroner's Service has been investigating the September 6th death of 56 year old James ("Jim") Joseph GICZI, a member of the RCMP stationed in Whitehorse. Sgt. GICZI had been returning to Whitehorse following an afternoon pleasure trip by motorcycle to Skagway. He had been traveling with a companion who was riding a second motorcycle. Just before 6pm, approximately 25kms south of the Carcross cutoff on the South Klondike Highway, the companion, who was riding ahead of Sgt.GICZI became aware that GICZI was no longer following him and turned around the way he had come. He found that Sgt.GICZI had gone off the highway and that he and his motorcycle were in the east ditch. Sgt. GICZI was pronounced deceased at the scene.

A full post mortem examination was performed at Vancouver General Hospital with preliminary results indicating that Sgt. GICZI likely suffered a fatal heart attack prior to the motorcycle leaving the highway.

Yukon Coroner's Service extends our thanks to all who provided assistance at the time of the incident; and to the Carcross and Whitehorse RCMP and forensic pathology services at Vancouver General Hospital, with whom we continue our investigation.

As this is an active, ongoing investigation by Yukon Coroner's Service, no further information will be released by our office at this time.