



**Yukon  
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Service**

## **News Release**

### **Death of a Whitehorse woman in motor vehicle accident**

**May 31, 2023** – The Yukon Coroner's Service confirms that a Whitehorse woman has died as the result of a motor vehicle accident on the Alaska Highway near KM 1367 in the Marsh Lake area. The death was reported to the Yukon Coroner's Service on the afternoon of Monday, May 29, 2023.

31-year-old Karli Melissa DOUGHERTY, a long-time resident of Whitehorse, was the driver and only occupant of the vehicle. Her vehicle was heading north and had gone down an embankment that was not readily visible from the highway. It is believed that the accident likely occurred on Friday, May 26, 2023, but it was not noticed due to the poor visibility from the highway.

The cause of the accident has not yet been determined; however, it appears that speed may have been a factor.

The Yukon Coroner's Service is investigating this fatal accident with Whitehorse RCMP's Traffic Analyst Team and appreciate the assistance of the RCMP "M" Division.

We urge all Yukoners to be cautious year-round when driving Yukon highways – be aware of your surroundings, drive attentively, be ready to react to wildlife, and think safety first.

The Yukon Coroner's Service extends our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Ms. DOUGHERTY, and to the community of Whitehorse, who have been deeply impacted by this tragic death.

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