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News Release

Chief Coroner confirms a vehicle was recovered from Schwatka Lake

May 17, 2024 – It was reported to Yukon Coroner's Service that during the evening of May 15, Whitehorse RCMP responded to a report of a vehicle collision on Miles Canyon Road in Whitehorse. Upon arrival, RCMP discovered a vehicle had left the roadway and came to rest in Schwatka Lake. The vehicle was recovered on May 16 and it was found to contain the bodies of 36-year-old Alexander Donald Walter WILLIAMS and 24-year-old Shyann Kyla-Lee Hazel WILLIAMS from Haines Junction. Both were last seen in the early morning of May 11 in Whitehorse.

The investigation into the cause of the collision is ongoing with the help of the "M" Division RCMP Traffic Services Forensic Reconstructionist and Whitehorse RCMP Detachment. Autopsies have been scheduled in Abbotsford, B.C. At this time, the family has asked for privacy during this difficult time.

The Yukon Coroner's Service would like to thank the Whitehorse Fire Department and the Whitehorse RCMP for their assistance. We also extend our sincerest condolences to the families of Alexander and Shyann, as well as to the community of Haines Junction, who have been impacted by these tragic events.

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