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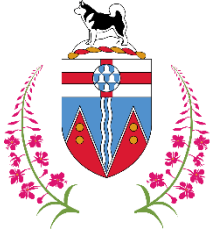
## **Yukon Coroner's Service investigating two separate motorcycle deaths**

**June 13, 2023** – The Yukon Coroner's Service is investigating two deaths as a result of separate single vehicle motorcycle incidents.

On the morning of June 8, 2023, Dawson City RCMP reported a motorcycle fatality to the Yukon Coroner's Service that occurred at KM 456 of the Dempster Highway. A 66-year-old male resident of Columbus, Georgia had been travelling north alone on a 2006 BMW when it appeared that he lost control of his vehicle. The death was declared at the scene and the body was transported to Whitehorse. It has been determined that the deceased had left Georgia on May 15. He was traveling through the Yukon alone en route to Inuvik.

On Friday, June 9, 2023, the Whitehorse General Hospital reported the death of a motorcyclist who had been transferred to the hospital's Emergency Room. 62-year-old Thomas Errol BOLTON from Coolidge, Georgia had been travelling with two others, all on separate motorcycles. Mr. BOLTON had left Georgia on May 26, 2023, trucked motorcycles to Montana, and began his road trip through Alberta and into the Yukon. Alongside his friends, they were planning a tour of the Yukon and intended to head to Palmer, Alaska. They left Johnson's Crossing on the morning of June 9, stopped briefly in Whitehorse, then continued north towards Dawson City. Mr. BOLTON was riding behind his friends and appeared to have caught loose gravel near Fox Lake and lost control of his vehicle. He was being transported to the Whitehorse General Hospital by Yukon Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and sadly succumbed to his injuries en route.

Both motorcyclists were carrying substantial amount of gear on their vehicles. Although they were both from Georgia, they were not known to each other or otherwise connected.



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The Yukon Coroner's Service continues to investigate both fatal accidents and appreciates the assistance of the Dawson City and Whitehorse detachments of the Yukon RCMP, the Yukon RCMP Traffic Analyst Team, Yukon EMS, the Whitehorse General Hospital, and many others who assisted at the scenes of both of these tragic accidents. The Yukon Coroner's Service also wants to express deep thanks to the people of Whitehorse and Fox Lake who extended their care and kindness to Mr. BOLTON's travelling companions at the time of this sudden loss of their friend.

We want to remind all people, Yukoners and travellers alike, to take extreme caution when driving on Yukon roads and highways. It is not about how good of a driver you are, as many factors can contribute to serious or fatal crashes in a split second. We urge all people travelling throughout the territory to be aware of your surroundings year-round, drive attentively, and always think safety first.

The Yukon Coroner's Service extends our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of both individuals who tragically lost their lives.

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