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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: 1/23/16

Complaint Number: 16-103709

Type of Incident: Fatal ORV Accident

Reporting Officer: Deputy White

Supervisor Approval: Sgt. Gerkin

On 1-22-16 at approximately 2243 hours the Kent County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of an injured snowmobile rider on the White Pine Trail near Northland Drive and Grosvenor in Nelson Township. Once on scene the deputies discovered it to be a fatality.

The investigation revealed a 37 year old male from Sparta was traveling southbound on the White Pine Trail at a high rate of speed when he lost control and crashed. He was traveling with two other riders also on snowmobiles who were not injured.

The rider was wearing a helmet and alcohol is believed to be a factor. The deceased name is not being released at this time due to family notifications.