



SHERIFF KOOTENAI COUNTY



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Media Release *UPDATE to Fatality Traffic Collision*

4/14/2015: *Update:

The driver involved in the fatality collision on Saturday, April 11, 2015 has been identified as Marie-Claire M. Steinkamp, 85 years old. Steinkamp's last known physical address was in Spokane, WA; however she had been living a transient lifestyle. The Sheriff's Office has not been able to locate any next of kin.

4/11/2015:

Hauser, ID – An elderly female died earlier today when her vehicle collided with a commercial semi-trailer.

On April 11, 2015 at about 3:00 PM, deputies with the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office responded to the intersection of Prairie Avenue and Pleasantview Road, near Hauser, Idaho for a reported injury collision.

Once on scene, deputies found that a 1995 Aerostar van being driven by an 85 year old female was westbound on Prairie Avenue, when it appears that she failed to yield from the stop sign and drove into the path of a northbound conventional semi truck pulling a 53 foot box trailer. The semi truck was being driven by Rupinder Shokar, 43 years old of British Columbia.

The female's van struck the side of the semi trailer, just ahead of the trailer's tires. The female, who was the sole occupant of the van, was found deceased at the scene.

The Sheriff's Traffic Investigation Team responded to the collision and will be determining the cause of the crash.

The female's name is being withheld pending notification to her next of kin. Sheriff's traffic investigators are having difficulty locating her family as she was known to be living a transient lifestyle. Autopsy and toxicology results won't be available for several weeks.

Ben Wolfinger, Sheriff
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