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MEDIA RELEASE KCSO Investigates Crash Near Cataldo

On Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at approximately, 7:45 PM, the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office, along with Kellogg Ambulance and the Rose Lake QRU, responded to the area of Canyon Road and Hardy Loop Road, near Cataldo, for a one vehicle crash.

Initial reports indicated a pickup truck had left Canyon Road and crashed into the slough and the driver was trapped in the vehicle, underwater, so the KCSO Dive Team was paged out. A few minutes later, it was determined that only a corner of the 1996 Chevy pickup, was in the water but the driver was still unresponsive and belted in.

Once medics arrived, they removed the driver, Seth C. Drew, 32, of Kellogg, who was still unresponsive and transported him emergently to Kootenai Health in Coeur d'Alene.

Preliminary investigation from the scene indicated that Drew was eastbound on Canyon Rd., crossed completely left of center, leaving the north shoulder of the roadway before he struck the guardrail on the northeast corner of the intersection of Canyon Rd. and Hardy Loop Rd. and then continued eastbound on Canyon Rd. Drew then struck the guardrail on the south side of the roadway four more times before finally climbing the guardrail, jumping over it and driving down a steep embankment towards the slough, getting caught up in the dense bushes along the shoreline which caused the pickup to turn onto it's passenger side.

Drew was admitted to Kootenai Health with non-life threatening injuries. Initial reports do not indicate the presence of alcohol, however Drew was cited for possession of a controlled substance (Spice) and drug paraphernalia.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

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