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MEDIA RELEASE

Fatal Beach Park Traffic Crash Investigation

On November 10, 2021, at approximately 6:45 a.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the 10300 block of West Fairbanks Avenue, Beach Park, for a report of a car in a ravine. Sheriff's deputies arrived and located a 2020 Kia SUV in a steep ravine, approximately 50-75 feet from the roadway.

Sheriff's deputies located an unconscious 90-year-old man of Beach Park, approximately 150 feet away from his vehicle. The man's lower body was partially submerged in the water. It does not appear the man was ejected, but that he walked away from the vehicle. Sheriff's deputies immediately directed paramedics, who were at the scene, to the man. Paramedics and sheriff's deputies were able to remove the man from the bottom of the ravine and to the ambulance.

The man was transported to Vista East medical center in critical condition and was pronounced deceased shortly after arriving at the hospital.

Sheriff's deputies determined neighbors in the area heard loud noises around 11:00 p.m. on November 9, 2021, and that could have been the Kia driving into the ravine.

The crash remains under investigation by the Lake County Sheriff's Office Technical Crash Investigations Unit.

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