

NEWS

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RELEASE

For Immediate Release – Sunday, February 21, 2010 12:45 pm

Town of Lake Tomahawk -- On Saturday, February 20, 2010 at approximately 12:31 p.m., the Oneida County Sheriff's Department 911 Center received several emergency calls reporting a snowmobile accident with injuries. The accident was reported to be on a snowmobile trail just off Fox Road, in the township of Lake Tomahawk. Emergency personnel from, the Oneida County Sheriff's Department, Wisconsin DNR, Oneida County Ambulance, Lake Tomahawk Fire Department and the Oneida County Medical Examiners Office were dispatched to the scene with Deputies arriving on scene at 12:32 p.m.

The snowmobiler, Grant R. Folland, age 29 of Okemos Michigan and Manhattan New York was pronounced dead at the scene.

The preliminary investigation indicates that Folland was an inexperienced snowmobile driver. It appears that Folland lost control of the snowmobile and struck a tree adjacent to the snowmobile trail. Folland was driving the fourth snowmobile in a group of five snowmobiles. The spacing of the snowmobiles was such that the accident was not witnessed. Alcohol is not considered to be a contributing factor in the accident.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Oneida County EMS, Town of Lake Tomahawk Fire Department, assisted the Oneida County Sheriff's Office at the scene and the accident report will be completed by the Wisconsin DNR.

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