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For Immediate Release	Contact: Sgt. Jason Reinfeld
Incident #: 24C01553	Phone: 509-667-6864
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Sheriff Mike Morrison reports On February 22nd, 2024 at approximately 2:00 pm RiverCom dispatch received a report of an injured snowmobiler in the Mo Ridge area. This is approximately 12 miles from the Eagle Creek Road SnoPark near Leavenworth. The reporting party, a snowmobile rental company said a rider on scene relayed to them there had been an accident and there were two people with injuries.

Rescuers responded from Chelan County Sheriff's Office, Chelan County Fire District 3, Cascade Medical Center, and as the details on injuries came in, Airlift Northwest was called.

Fire District 3 transported two air medics to the scene to treat and prepare the patients for air transport. At approximately 2:45 pm the first rescuers arrived on scene. Medics from Cascade Medical Center began treating a 51 year old female with significant chest and leg injuries and a fourteen year old female with leg injuries. Unfortunately, rescuers were unable to save the 51 year old female and she was pronounced dead at the scene.

Deputies on scene determined both the females were riding on the same snowmobile. The snowmobile left the trail and went down an embankment. The snowmobile went under a downed tree which struck the driver in the chest causing the injuries.

The snowmobile riders were from the Seattle area.

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