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Incident: Abbotsford Police continue investigation of Princeton crash

Abbotsford – July 10, 2012.

On Wednesday, July 4 just before 3:00 pm a red 1997 Pontiac Transport mini-van crashed on Highway 3 in Princeton. The lone occupant of the vehicle, 52 year old John Wilson Mackeigan, was pronounced dead at the scene. Approximately 2 hours earlier, a domestic assault investigation was initiated by Osoyoos RCMP. Detachments in the Southern Okanagan and Similkameen were notified about an associated vehicle and the male suspect involved in that incident.

At 2:35 pm an alert RCMP officer observed the vehicle about 20 kilometers east of Princeton and attempted to stop it. The vehicle did not stop and continued westbound. Several minutes and kilometers later other RCMP officers from Princeton attempted to stop the vehicle at a road check. The driver maneuvered the mini-van off-road around the static check point and continued on for several hundred meters before crashing. RCMP officers were the first on scene and pulled John Mackeigan from the burning vehicle. Unfortunately, his life could not be saved.

The Abbotsford Police Department is conducting an independent investigation of the crash. A team of five APD investigators are in Princeton. The group includes a team leader, two detectives and two Collision Reconstructionists. Our objective is to conduct a thorough investigation which will require speaking to all witnesses. This includes not only those who may have observed the crash but also those who observed the vehicle along its travels up to and through the police check point. Anyone with information about the Princeton crash is asked to contact Abbotsford Police at 604-859-5225.

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