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Date: August 19, 2016

Time: For immediate Release

Subject: identity of victim in Thursday August 18, 2016 vehicle vs. pedestrian fatality I-70 MM 113. Victim's date of death is August 19, 2016.

Identity: Donald Salisbury, 68 years old, resident of Streator, Illinois.

On August 19, 2016 at approximately, 3:17am, the Garfield County Coroner's Office was dispatched to Valley View Hospital for the death of Mr. Salisbury. Mr. Salisbury was pronounced dead by an emergency department physician.

Coroner investigators learned that Mr. Salisbury was the passenger in a vehicle travelling westbound on Interstate 70, mile mark 113, on August 18, 2016 at around 10:36pm. The vehicle struck and killed an elk in the roadway. The vehicle became disabled and was blocking lanes of travel. Witnesses reported that Mr. Salisbury had stepped out of his vehicle and was attempting to alert westbound traffic of the disabled vehicle in the roadway when he was struck by a vehicle travelling westbound. Mr. Salisbury was travelling with other family members. The coroner's office does not have any further information on the other occupants of the car that struck the elk. In addition, the coroner's office does not have any information on the vehicle or driver that struck Mr. Salisbury.

An autopsy is scheduled for later today and the information from the autopsy will likely confirm that Mr. Salisbury's cause of death is due to blunt force trauma and the manner of death is an accident.

Respectfully,

Robert M. Glassmire
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