

Authorities investigate into death of Wheeling man; Update: one person arrested
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A Wheeling man died Wednesday morning in a private property accident in rural Livingston County. The highway patrol listed the victim as 33 year old Patrick Kinsella of Wheeling. The Livingston County Sheriff's Department reports that investigation has determined that in addition to the death, authorities are focusing on who might have been present at the time.

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Sheriff Steve Cox said officials want to talk with anyone who know who was in attendance of any gathering at the property and the identity of a person or persons who may have also been in the vehicle at the time of the crash.

Cox indicated that evidence suggests that at least two people had been in the vehicle at the time of the accident, and that the second person was injured as a result of the crash. Anyone with information is asked to contact Livingston County Sheriff's office at (660) 646-0515 or the Missouri State Highway Patrol at (816) 387-2345.

The Wheeling First Responders, Chillicothe Department of Emergency Services, and Missouri State Highway Patrol responded along with the sheriff's department.

A Highway Patrol investigator said a truck was being driven in an alleged unsafe manner, through a pasture, off Livingston County Road 216, north of Wheeling and near Routes B and BB.

Authorities said the vehicle overturned, throwing Kinsella out. It landed upside down on the victim.

The truck was demolished in the accident believed to have occurred about 1:15 on Wednesday morning. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene just before 3 a-m by the Deputy Coroner of Livingston County, Brooks McCoubrie. The truck was demolished.

Additional information came Wednesday night from the Livingston County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Cox said problems arose during the investigation near Wheeling as officers were attempting to notify families of the deceased man.

At some point, a man who had allegedly previously been "belligerent" and a problem for officers, gained access into a highway patrol car; then drove the patrol vehicle in an alleged careless and imprudent manner.

Cox said the suspect allegedly began driving the state car toward one of the troopers who then drew his weapon prompting the suspect to stop.

Taken into custody was 36 year old Wesley David Coke of Linneus for alleged tampering with a motor vehicle and driving while intoxicated. Coke was being held at the Livingston County Jail pending the filing of formal charges.