



**FOR PUBLIC RELEASE: Coroner Judgement of Inquiry and Inquest  
Inquisition and Recommendations**

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**Yukon Coroners Service: Judgement of Inquiry into the death of: Andrew Martin PAULS**

**Coroner Investigative File No.: 45202017067**

Name: Andrew Martin PAULS Date of Birth: 1990/08/18 Date of Death: 2018/02/06  
YYYY/MM/DD YYYY/MM/DD

Address: Whitehorse, Yukon  
Street Address Province/Territory Postal Code

Ethnic Origin: First Nation Location of Death: Alaska Highway

**Cause of Death**

Multiple Blunt Force Trauma due to MVI - Collision with moose.

**Manner of Death**

Accidental

**Autopsy Findings**

No autopsy

An external body examination revealed multiple blunt force traumatic injuries. There was significant head trauma which was incompatible with life.

**Toxicological Findings**

Toxicology not carried out

### Circumstances of Death

Mr. PAULS was driving a 2002 4-door Chrysler Sebring on the Alaska Highway on February 6, 2018 when he collided with a moose in his lane of the highway. The moose was struck low and was thrown through the windshield striking Mr. PAULS. Both driver and moose sustained instantly fatal injuries. The moose was thrown to the shoulder of the road. The vehicle continued in motion and traveled across the eastbound lane leaving the roadway on the south side of the road, traveling an estimated total of 450 meters from the point of collision before coming to rest. A fire ensued under the hood of the vehicle engulfing it after a few minutes.

The weather at the time of the incident was -20C, over-cast with a light snow falling. The time of the collision was just before day-break. The highway was in favourable winter traveling conditions and was well maintained.

### Significant Factors/Conclusions

Visibility may have contributed to this collision.

Wildlife encounters continue to be hazards on Yukon roads and highways.

### Recommendations

No recommendations



Signature, Chief Coroner

Whitehorse, Yukon

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May 2, 2018

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