



ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS RELEASE

INCIDENT DATE: June 11th, 2014 INCIDENT TIME: 7:26 P.M.

INCIDENT LOCATION: Lake Vermilion (Cable Bay) East side of Lake Vermilion

INDIVIDUAL(S) INVOLVED: (Refer to News Media Policy-Rules III A. 1 Thru 4: Procedures B.1, A thru J & 1; 2b; 3b; g & h; 4a, b, & c)

Name: Gerald L. KAMTZ (Victim) Age: 64 Address: Lincoln, Nebraska

Name: Age: Address:

Name: Bruce E. HAGEMAN (Operator) Age: 58 Address: Ithaca, Nebraska

Name: Age: Address:

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office responded to a Water Emergency on Lake Vermilion near Cable Bay. A 64 year old male was a passenger in a fishing boat when he fell out of the boat and into the water as it was traveling through the Cable Bay area. The male was pulled out of the water and transported by boat to shore and then transported by ambulance to the Essentia-Health Virginia medical center. The victim was pronounced dead at the hospital. The victim was not wearing a life jacket at the time. The victim's name will be released after notification of next of kin. The incident remains under investigation by the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office.

ASSISTING AGENCIES:

Breitung Police Department

Breitung Fire Department

Tower Ambulance

Virginia Ambulance

AUTHORITY: Sgt. Kevin Friebe #5227 DATE: June 12th, 2014 TIME: 1:30 A.M.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR UPDATE:

****Updated Press Release****

The identity of the victim is Gerald KAMTZ. The St. Louis County Medical Examiner's Office advised that the preliminary cause of death is "Accidental Death by Drowning". The boat operator at the time of the incident was Bruce Hageman.

AUTHORITY: Sgt. Kevin Friebe #5227 DATE: June 12, 2014 TIME: 6:30 P.M.