



ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS RELEASE

INCIDENT DATE: 3/13/2015 INCIDENT TIME: 2138
INCIDENT LOCATION: 9254 W. Branch Road, Pequaywan Lake, MN

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: Chase H. Dedominces Age: 20 Address: Duluth
Name: Travis P. Wigstrom Age: 19 Address: Duluth

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

Deputies responded to a snowmobile accident on Pequaywan Lake. Chase Dedominces was driving his snowmobile on lake ice at high speed with Travis Wigstrom riding on the back of the snowmobile. Dedominces struck the Island located in the center of the lake, ejecting him and Wigstrom. Both parties were transported by Air Ambulance to Essentia Health/St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth. Dedominces sustained life threatening head injuries and was listed in critical condition. Wigstrom also sustained head injuries and was listed in stable condition. Both are expected to survive. Alcohol and speed were contributing factors in this accident.

ASSISTING AGENCIES:

St. Louis County Rescue Squad, Pequaywan Lake Fire Department, Pequaywan Lake First Responders, Gold Cross Ambulance, and Life Link Air Ambulance.

AUTHORITY: Sgt. Steve Borchers DATE: 3/14/2015 TIME: 0300

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR UPDATE:

AUTHORITY: _____ DATE: _____ TIME: _____