



News Release

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Fatality ATV Accident

Washington County Sheriff Tim Helder announces a fatality 4-wheeler accident occurred yesterday in west Washington County.

On Sunday, October 11, 2009 at approximately 8:20 p.m., the Washington County Sheriff's Office received a report of a missing 15-year-old boy, Dillon **THURMAN**, W/M from 21030 Charlie Thurman Rd., WC 820. Dillon reportedly left his residence on his 4-wheeler between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. and never returned. His parents and neighbors began looking for him on the 2,000-acre farm and finally located him at around 10:00 p.m. Dillon was found in a creek bed in the northeast portion of the farm. He was trapped under the 4-wheeler and pinned against a tree.

It appeared Dillon was riding down the creek bed with a sixty-foot bluff on one side and a steep, four-foot embankment on the other side. Dillon rode between a fallen tree and the four-foot embankment then tried to ride the 4-wheeler back up the embankment. The 4-wheeler then flipped back and landed on Dillon, pinning him against the tree. First responders attempted to revive Dillon but were unsuccessful.

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