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Media Release

Re: Single car fatality West of Royalton

Franklin County Sheriff Department responded to a single vehicle accident near 1250 State Highway 149 on Saturday, October 5, 2019.

9-1-1 Call reporting an accident came into Franklin County Dispatch at 8:06 p.m. Saturday, reporting a vehicle had ran off of the highway, struck a guardrail and overturned. The male driver, of the 2012 GMC Sierra pick-up, was partially ejected and had to be extricated by the Royalton and Hurst Fire Departments.

Air Evac was notified by Abbott EMS, but the driver was deceased on scene.

Franklin County Coroner, Marty Leffler, was requested to the scene at 8:58 p.m. on Saturday. Once on scene Coroner Leffler pronounced 51-year-old Gary D. Jones of Royalton deceased at a nearby church where the Air Evac Helicopter was on scene. Alcohol is suspected to be a factor in this fatal accident.

There is no further information available at this time.