



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

NEWS RELEASE

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Juvenile Dies in ATV Rollover Crash

Summary of Event

A 16-year-old Puyallup boy died while riding an ATV in rural Washington County. He called 911, but succumbed to his injuries before EMS and Deputies could locate him.

Full Details

On August 21, 2010, at 3:06 p.m., Washington County Deputies and EMS received a 911 call from 16-year-old Louie Hertel of Puyallup, Washington. Louie told the 911 dispatcher that he needed help and that he was injured all over. Shortly after telling the dispatcher he was hurt, the cell phone lost connection.

Several Deputies and EMS responded to [4990 Marsh Road](#) in rural Washington County. Due to the rural location, it was difficult to determine his exact location. After a short but intense search, EMS located Louie trapped under a Yamaha Rhino 450. Unfortunately, Louie had succumbed to his injuries.

Deputies learned that Louie was visiting family and helping with farm work over the last few weeks. He was due to return home on Saturday and was spending his last day having some fun in the ATV. While riding in a field, he hit some large tire ruts hidden by tall grass. The ATV rolled and came to a rest on top of Louie. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Louie Hertel's parents have been notified of his death.

