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Missing Aloha Man Found in Fatal Crash

December 21, 2016—Sheriff's deputies responded to a crash involving an Aloha man who was reported missing in November. The driver did not survive the crash.

On December 20, 2016, Washington County Sheriff's Deputies were called to NW Storey Burn Road off Highway 6, concerning a single vehicle crash that was called in by a log truck driver. The truck driver was stopped about 1½ miles up Storey Burn Road when he spotted a green SUV upside down at the bottom of a ravine. The truck driver reported the SUV looked like a vehicle he previously saw on a flier so he called the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's deputies arrived and found a 2003 GMC Envoy upside down and heavily damaged about 60 yards down a ravine. Sheriff's deputies were able to confirm the Envoy was the vehicle reported to be driven by Michael Babcock, 42, from the community of Aloha. Michael Babcock was found deceased inside the vehicle. Mr. Babcock's family reported him missing on November 29, 2016. Washington County detectives and deputies have searched for Mr. Babcock in the area several times, but the area had heavy snowfall rendering NW Storey Burn Road impassible until Monday, December 20.

Sheriff's deputies determined Mr. Babcock was travelling east on NW Storey Burn Road, left the roadway, and rolled over several times coming to a rest at the bottom of the ravine. The investigation revealed that the crash possibly occurred close to the date the family reported Mr. Babcock missing.



It is unknown what factors contributed to this crash. This case is still under investigation.