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Two males, one female identified as deceased in Gabriola plane crash

GABRIOLA ISLAND – Investigators from the BC Coroners Service's special investigations unit have positively identified one of the three decedents involved in the Dec. 10, 2019, plane crash on Gabriola Island and continue to work to confirm the identity of two other decedents.

The BC Coroners Service also continues to investigate the circumstances that led to their deaths.

BC Coroners Service identification specialists, in co-ordination with other agencies, have been gathering information from the scene to establish the identities of the decedents. Based on preliminary information collected at the scene, the deceased are a male in his 60s from Mill Bay and two other decedents, one male and one female. Confirming identification of the other two decedents is subject to post-mortem testing results and other investigative work.

Due to the privacy of the deceased, the BC Coroners Service will not be releasing or confirming identity.

On Dec. 10, shortly after 6 p.m., reports of a possible plane crash on Gabriola Island were received by first responders, including BC Emergency Health Services and the Gabriola Island RCMP. The BC Coroners Service was notified once first responders confirmed fatalities.

The BC Coroners Service will not release any further information on the incident at this time and will provide updates once additional details are available.

Learn More:

BC Coroners Service Special Investigations Unit and Identification Unit:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/life-events/death/coroners-service/special-investigations-unit>

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