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The Mesa County Coroner's Office has completed its examination regarding the deaths of Micah Schmidt, a 26-year-old male and Sarah Collison, a 25-year-old female; both were residents of Grand Junction, CO. They were the individuals involved in the car that was found in the canal off of 25 Rd in Grand junction, CO, the evening of June 24, 2016. The cause of death for both is drowning and the manner of death is accident. Mr. Schmidt was wearing his seatbelt and had a blood alcohol of 268 mg/dl and Ms. Collison was not wearing a seatbelt and had a blood alcohol of 265 mg/dl.

The law enforcement agency overseeing this investigation is the Colorado State Patrol. Please contact them for any further details regarding this case.

Thank you,
Victor Yahn, Chief Deputy Coroner
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