



KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH
CITY OF KETCHIKAN



**Joint Media Release: Third Avenue Landslide Update
Community Mourns Loss of Life**

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For Immediate Release

It is with deep sadness that we share the tragic news of the passing of one of our own, Sean Griffin, who was lost in yesterday's landslide.

Sean was a beloved husband, father, son, neighbor, and coworker. He spent his life serving his family and his community. Sean was raised in Ketchikan and followed his mother into public service. He was a valued member of the City of Ketchikan Public Works team for seventeen years. He started as a solid waste collector, moved up to solid waste facility operator, then to streets maintenance technician, and finally promoted to senior maintenance technician.

It was his commitment to the community that caused him to respond to the call for assistance during his scheduled time off. Sean and another team member were clearing stormwater drains when they were caught in the landslide on the Third Avenue Bypass.

Sean is remembered for his dedication, positive spirit, and unwavering devotion to his family, his friends, and to the community. The EOC sends heartfelt condolences to his family, and we bear this loss with them.



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