

BILLIONAIRE MINING ENTREPRENEUR, CHRIS CLINE, DIES

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WEST VIRGINIA (WOAY)- Mining entrepreneur Chris Cline has reportedly passed away from a helicopter accident, Thursday afternoon.

According to Delvin Major, chief investigator with Bahamas Air Accident Investigation Department a helicopter crashed in the water off Walkers Cay in the Bahamas. Seven bodies including Cline's have been recovered. The bodies were taken to a morgue in Freeport to go through the ID process.

Thursday evening, Governor Jim Justice tweeting his condolences to the entire Cline family.

<https://twitter.com/WVGovernor/status/1146945029421850629>

Marshall University President, Jerome Gilbert, also sending his thoughts and prayers.

<https://twitter.com/MarshalluPres/status/1146953829696573441>



A statement from the Royal Bahamas Police Force said the helicopter went missing shortly after leaving Big Grand Cay and authorities and local residents later found the crash site two miles off Grand Cay. Police identified those killed as four women and three men.

According to Forbes, Cline is worth an estimated 1.8 billion dollars. He was a native of West Virginia, growing up in Beckley.

As more information becomes available we'll keep you up-to-date.