



Garfield County Coroner's Office

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Coroner

PRESS RELEASE

Date: August 7, 2018

Subject: August 5, 2018 Harvey Gap drowning. Victim identification.

Identity of Deceased: Daniel Guardado, 21-year-old male, resident of Glenwood Springs, CO.

On Saturday August 5, 2018, at around 7:05pm the Garfield County Coroner's Office was dispatched to the area of Harvey Gap State Park for a drowning. Sheriff's Office and Coroner's Office investigators learned that Mr. Guardado had entered the water to retrieve an inner tube that had been blown by the wind into the water. Mr. Guardado was not seen entering the water by anyone from his group at the state park. Mr. Guardado was observed by a Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Law Enforcement Officer who witnessed Guardado struggling to keep his head above water and within moments disappeared under the surface of the water. The CPW Officer was on land and a good distance from where the CPW Officer had last seen Guardado. The CPW Officer immediately called for additional first responders and attempted to locate Guardado but was unsuccessful. Guardado's body was recovered later that evening.

The Garfield County Coroner's Office contract forensic pathologist performed an autopsy on Mr. Guardado on August 6, 2018. The findings are consistent with drowning. The Coroner's Office is investigating the cause of death as drowning and the manner of death as an accident. Toxicology will take several weeks.

No further information is available at this time.

Respectfully,

Robert Glassmire
Garfield County Coroner