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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: June 26, 2017

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Title: 17 year old Dies in Fatal Fall near Meadow Lake

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GARFIELD COUNTY, Colo. –

At approximately 1:00 PM on Sunday June 25, 2017, the Garfield County Sheriff's Office was notified of a call for Search and Rescue near Meadow Lake and Cow Lake. The location, on the Flat Tops north of New Castle was close to the Garfield and Rio Blanco County line.

The initial report indicated that a male had fallen and was not moving. By 4:00 PM rescuers on scene determined the location to be about two miles north of Cow Lake. The person who had fallen was a 17 year old male from Rifle, Colorado.

The report indicated that he was with his girlfriend on the edge of a cliff. The male fell from the cliff and could not be reached by the girl friend.

By 5:30 PM Search and rescue members had reached the body and confirmed that the young man was deceased. Efforts were begun to recover the body. Garfield County Coroner Rob Glassmire had been notified and was on scene.

A victim response advocate had been notified earlier and was in contact with family members to offer assistance as needed. Additional information will come from the Garfield County Coroner once all proper notifications have been made and his investigation is complete.

No further information will be released.

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