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Date: August 15, 2016

Time: 4:30pm

Subject: Body in Sopris Park Ditch identification, cause and manner of death pending investigation.

Identity: Ryan Becvarik, 29 years old. Resident of Carbondale, CO.

On August 14, 2016 at approximately 7:19pm, the Garfield County Coroner's Office was dispatched to Valley View Hospital for the death of a 29 year old man, identified as Ryan Becvarik.

Coroner investigators learned that Mr. Becvarik was found face down, submerged in water, in an irrigation ditch near Sopris Park within the city limits of Carbondale. Witnesses called 911 at 6:10pm. First responders with the Carbondale Police Department and the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District pulled Mr. Becvarik from the water. First responders performed CPR and transported Mr. Becvarik by ambulance to Valley View Hospital where he was pronounced dead by an emergency department physician at 7:15pm.

The circumstances as to why Mr. Becvarik was in the water are still under investigation. An autopsy performed on August 15, 2016 revealed no trauma or suspicious circumstances. While final certification of the cause and manner of death will depend on the results of the investigation, the initial investigation indicate an accidental death due to drowning.

Anyone with information or who might have seen Mr. Becvarik prior to his death are asked to call the Garfield County Coroner's Office at (970) 665-6335.

Respectfully,

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