



Garfield County Coroner's Office

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PRESS RELEASE

Date: June 10, 2018

Subject: Human remains located in Colorado River near Parachute, CO identified. Coroner's Office is asking for the public's assistance in identifying Mr. Gomez's last known whereabouts.

Identity of Deceased: Joshua Gomez, 29-year old male, resident of Rifle, CO.

On Saturday June 9, 2018 at 4:01pm, the Garfield County Coroner's Office was dispatched to a location on the Colorado River west of Parachute for a report of a body found on an island in the Colorado River. Coroner's Office investigators responded to the area and worked with Garfield County Sheriff's Deputies and Garfield County Search & Rescue, Inc. to recover the remains.

The Coroner's Office has positively identified the remains as Joshua Gomez, a 29-year old resident of Rifle, CO. An autopsy of Mr. Gomez's body was performed on June 11, 2018. The cause and manner of death are pending toxicology and microscopic examination, which will not be available for several weeks. No injuries or trauma was noted during the autopsy.

Mr. Gomez was last seen at a bus stop in New Castle, CO around May 25, 2018. The Garfield County Coroner's Office is asking the public to call a Coroner's Office investigator at (970) 665-6335 if they have any information regarding Mr. Gomez's whereabouts prior to his death.

No further information is available at this time.

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