



Garfield County Coroner's Office

Robert M. Glassmire
Coroner

PRESS RELEASE

Date: July 2, 2019

Subject: Eagle County Missing Person found deceased, cause and manner of death released.

Identity of Deceased: Tayler Esslinger 26-year-old male, resident of Gypsum, CO.

On Friday June 28, 2019 at approximately 10:00am, the Garfield County Coroner's Office was dispatched to a death investigation in eastern Garfield County. The circumstances of the death involved a missing person from the Gypsum area identified as Tayler Esslinger. The Eagle County Sheriff's Office initiated an area wide search and with the assistance of multiple resources, the Eagle County Sheriff's Office located Mr. Esslinger's vehicle in the South East Flat Tops area of the White River National Forest.

Upon arrival to the vehicle, coroner's office investigators positively identified the person in the vehicle as Tayler Esslinger and pronounced Mr. Esslinger dead. The coroner's office transported the decedent to the Garfield County Coroner's Office. On June 30, 2019 the coroner's office contract pathologist performed an autopsy. Mr. Esslinger's cause of death is a gunshot wound of the head. The coroner's office is investigating the manner of death as suicide.

The Garfield County Sheriff's Office and a representative of the Eagle County Sheriff's Office assisted the coroner's office. No further information is available at this time.

Respectfully,
Robert M. Glassmire
Garfield County Coroner