



Garfield County Coroner's Office

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Coroner

PRESS RELEASE

Date: September 7, 2021

Subject: Identity and autopsy update regarding the child fatality at the Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park in Glenwood Springs, CO.

At this time, in consultation with the family of the child, the Garfield County Coroner's Office is not going to release the name of the child who died at the Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park. The coroner's office will be in contact with the family daily and reassess the release of the child's name as appropriate. The coroner's office does their best to balance the release of information to the public and the privacy of families while they grieve the loss of a loved one.

On September 7, 2021, an autopsy was performed by the Garfield County Coroner's Office contract forensic pathologist. The forensic pathologist identified multiple blunt force injuries. The final cause and manner of death are pending the completion of the full investigation.

The coroner's office role is limited to a cause and manner of death inquiry and the identification of the deceased. The coroner's office will not be releasing final investigation results outside the scope of the cause and manner of death. In respect to the family, the coroner's office will not participate in any interviews or provide details outside of emailed press releases.

Respectfully,
Robert M. Glassmire
Garfield County Coroner

Press Release issued September 6, 2021:

On September 5, 2021 at 7:44pm, the Garfield County Coroner's Office was dispatched to the Haunted Mine Drop amusement park ride at the Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park in Glenwood Springs, CO. The initial dispatch was for a six-year-old female who was fatally injured while riding on the Haunted Mine Drop ride.

Immediately following the incident, Glenwood Caverns employees initiated first aid until paramedics with the Glenwood Springs Fire Department arrived and determined the child had died. The investigation into the circumstances of the fatality is under investigation by the sheriff's office and coroner's office.

The coroner's office identified the victim as a six-year-old female from Colorado Springs, CO. The child was vacationing in Glenwood Springs with her family. Identity of the child is being withheld to give the family time to notify additional family members.

An autopsy is scheduled with the coroner's office forensic pathologist for this week.

The Coroner's Office extends their condolences to the friends and family of the victim. The Coroner's Office was assisted in their response by the Garfield County Sheriff's Office, Glenwood Springs Fire Department, and Hope Center.