



Garfield County Coroner's Office

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Coroner

PRESS RELEASE

Date: June 12, 2017 10:50pm

Subject: Eight year old male killed in hiking accident at Hanging Lake, near Glenwood Springs, CO.

Identity of Deceased: Pending next of kin notification.

On Monday June 12, 2017 the Garfield County Coroner's Office was notified of a death investigation at Hanging Lake, in the White River National Forest near Glenwood Springs, CO.

First responders with the Glenwood Springs Fire Department, Garfield County Sheriff's Office, and Garfield County Search and Rescue Inc., responded. The child was reported to have been walking across rocks near the waterfall of Sprouting Rock when he slipped, fell, and struck his head on a rock. He slipped from standing height. CPR was initiated by witnesses and continued by members of the Glenwood Springs Fire Department for 60 to 90 minutes.

The coroner's office arrived at about 6:03pm and pronounced the child dead at 6:08pm. With assistance from Garfield County Search and Rescue Inc, the coroner's office brought the child down Hanging Lake trail.

The child was hiking with his parents and sibling. The child's family has requested that they be allowed sufficient time to notify extended family of their son's death before the coroner's office releases his name. The family is from the front range.

An autopsy is scheduled for Tuesday June 13, 2017. The coroner's office expects to release the decedent's name along with cause of death in the afternoon of Tuesday June 13, 2017. The manner of death is being investigated as an accident.

In an email earlier tonight to some Garfield County news organizations, I released that the child's age was nine years old. After further clarification with the child's parents I learned he was eight years old.

Respectfully,

Robert M. Glassmire
Garfield County Coroner