



# Garfield County Coroner's Office

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## PRESS RELEASE

**Date:** December 27, 2016

**Subject:** New Castle Colorado River Death Investigation – Victim identified and cause and manner of death.

**Associated Press Release:** Garfield County Sheriff's Office: 12\_26-Body discovered in Colorado River

**Identity of Deceased:** Joshua Patrick Henry, 28 years old, Resident of Bartlesville, OK.

On December 24, 2016, the Garfield County Coroner's Office was dispatched to the River Frontage Rd. near New Castle, CO for a report of a body in the river. Upon retrieving the body from the river, coroner and sheriff's investigators were able to identify the body as the suspect in a motor vehicle theft that occurred on December 19, 2016.

The decedent is identified as Joshua Patrick Henry, a 28 year old male, who is a resident of Bartlesville, OK who also has family ties in Colorado Springs, CO.

The decedent was pronounced dead on scene by coroner investigators. The Garfield County Coroner's Office was assisted by the Colorado River Fire Rescue, Garfield County Search & Rescue, and Garfield County Sheriff's Office.

On Tuesday December 27, 2016 an autopsy was performed by a contract forensic pathologist. The decedent was found to have a stab wound of the chest. Other significant conditions contributing to the decedent's death were incised wounds of the wrist and neck, and cold water immersion.

The sheriff's office investigation determined that the decedent was alone at the time of the car theft and following the decedent's crash into the pasture. There is no information to suggest that there was another person with the decedent when he was on the riverbank. The manner of death is being investigated as suicide. Toxicology is pending and will likely take 4-6 weeks for results.

Respectfully,

Robert M. Glassmire  
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