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Holliday man died near Cherry Creek in West Juab County

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Bruce Kirkpatrick, 65, Holliday, died from a medical problem near Cherry Creek, in West Juab County.

On Saturday, May 8, at approximately 6:30 p.m., the Juab County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call regarding a 65-year old male possibly having a heart attack.

Cherry Creek is a popular recreation site in West Juab County.

"The 911 call showed that the call was coming from a mountain in the Cherry Creek area of Juab County, said Deputy Brent Pulver, Juab County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies and the West Juab County Emergency Medical Service were dispatched from Eureka.

Pulver said that Air Med was also dispatched but was later canceled.

"EMS arrived and verified that Mr. Kirkpatrick of Holliday was deceased," said Pulver. "Juab County Deputies responded to the scene and recovered Mr. Kirkpatrick from the mountain top."

According to witness statement and the investigation, Kirkpatrick died from a suspected medical problem, said Pulver.

Those heading to Cherry Creek need to go first to Jericho Junction in the Little Sahara Sand Dunes. From the railroad track located there, they will travel approximately 14 miles to Cherry Creek area, the scene of an annual motorcycle race.



HONORING A FALLEN OFFICER • Sevier County Sheriff Sgt. Franco Aguilar was laid to rest on Wednesday, May 5th in American Fork. The procession of cars following his casket reached from one end of Main Street to the other. Officers and personnel from across Utah came to honor the fallen officer. Aguilar was killed on April 29 while assisting a motorist on I-70 near Richfield.



RECOVERY • West Juab EMT's and emergency personnel recover the remains of Kevin Moore, 57, Orem. Moore died in the rock slide at Topaz Mountain

Large boulder crushed Orem man searching for topaz in West Juab County

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Thursday, May 6, an Orem man was killed in a rock slide at Topaz Mountain in West Juab County.

Kevin Alan Moore, 57, Orem, died when he was buried in the slide.

At approximately 3 p.m., the Juab County Sheriff's Office received a call reporting the accident, said Deputy Brent Pulver, Juab County Sheriff's Office.

"The victim was a longtime visitor to the area with the hobby of looking for topaz," said Pulver. "He was with two friends when the incident occurred."

Topaz Mountain is one of the world's great places to find topaz, a semiprecious gemstone that occurs as hard transparent crystals. The mountain is located in a remote area where there is no water and no services provided.

Pulver said that deputies from the Juab County Sheriff's Office, along with Eureka's West Juab County Ambulance and a rescue crew from Delta, responded to the scene.

"Once deputies arrived it was verified that the Mr. Moore was deceased and a recovery operation was planned," Pulver said. "Rescue arrived and was able to recover the victim and transport him down the mountain side."

Deputies and rescue personnel hiked to the location of the slide which was about 1,000 yards up the mountain side in very steep terrain, said Pulver.

Topaz Mountain is composed of a volcanic rock known as rhyolite.

"According to the witnesses the victim was in a hole digging for topaz when a large rock broke loose from above," Pulver said. "The rock fell on top of him, crushing him before rolling off."

Pulver said the rock was approximately 8-feet in length and about 5-feet in diameter.

The Thomas Range and Topaz Mountain are located about 30 miles northwest of Delta. Lynndyl is about 50 miles away from the mountain.

To get to Topaz Mountain from Nephi, Juab County Deputies must travel southwest on Highway 132 for about 34 miles to the town of Lynndyl and the junction with Highway 6. They then continue south on U.S. Highway 6 for about 5 miles to state road 174 and then turn west onto the signed Brush Wellman Road. Officers must then drive northwest on the paved road for about 37 miles, to the signed dirt road leading up to Topaz Mountain.

The route from Eureka is about the same length, within a few miles, and travels past the Little Sahara sand dunes.

A one-way trip from Provo is about 130 miles.

UHP Trooper stopped a speeder on I-15 and found a cache of marijuana

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A Utah Highway Patrol Trooper stopped a speeding car and found a cache of marijuana with a street value of \$26,400.

The stop occurred on Interstate 15 at 8:07 a.m.

"UHP Trooper Dustin Livingston stopped a speeding vehicle," said Hoby Metz, UHP Sgt. "It was a rental car."

He said that reasonable suspicion led to a consent search and 26.4 pounds of marijuana was

found in a spare tire.

"The vehicle was northbound on the freeway and was stopped near mile marker 219," said Metz.

The United States Drug Enforcement Agency puts a \$1,000 price tag on one pound of marijuana.

The value of marijuana given in police reports is determined by the United States Drug Enforcement Agency, which tracks the price and quantity of drugs confiscated by police nationwide.

If enough people buy from a dealer, one pound can be sold in

a day.

It is this aspect that leads to drug-dealing. Most Americans don't make \$1,000 dollars a day at a legal job.

On the other hand, any conviction for marijuana possession, trafficking or sale results in a six-month drivers license suspension and hefty fines and prison time.

Just a possession charge of amounts of one pound up to 100 pounds is considered a felony and

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Accident in Salt Creek Canyon claims life of Manti woman

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A young Manti woman died as the result of an accident in Salt Creek Canyon on Friday, April 30.

Brittany Tay Bown, 25, Manti, died at the scene.

Maurice Leon Egbert, 48, Provo, was injured in the two-car accident and was taken to Central Valley Hospital where he was treated and later released.

"Ms. Bown, the driver of vehicle one, was driving westbound on SR-132 in Nephi Canyon," said Utah Highway Patrol Sgt. Hoby Metz.

"She lost control of her car and spun around to the left," Metz said. "The vehicle crossed the double yellow line and was tee

boned by an eastbound pickup truck driven by Egbert."

Bown was driving a 2006 Toyota Scion toward Nephi near Mile Post 137 at the time of the accident. Egbert was headed east toward Sanpete in a 2009 Chevrolet Silverado.

"The roads were slushy at the time and it was snowing," said Metz. "Ms. Bown was not wearing her seatbelt and died inside her vehicle from the impact."

Egbert was wearing a seat belt.

"The driver of vehicle one (Bown) also had needle marks on her arm and drug paraphernalia on her person," said Metz.

The investigating officer was UHP Trooper John Sheets. Assisting with the investigation was UHP Lt. Douglas Rawlinson.



FATAL IN CANYON • Brittany Bown, 25, Manti was killed in this accident in Salt Creek Canyon on April 30th. The driver was not wearing a seat belt and slid into the pickup. Photo UHP



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