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Press Release

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Man Dies After Collision With Tree

Pitkin County, Colorado - January 18, 2012 - The Pitkin County Sheriff's Office was notified at 1318 hours of a male who had collided with a tree at the Aspen Highlands ski area. Dispatchers with the Aspen/Pitkin County Communications Center learned from the caller, a member of the Aspen Highlands Ski Patrol that CPR was in progress at the time of the call. Personnel from the Aspen Highlands Ski Patrol, Aspen Ambulance and deputies from the Pitkin County Sheriff's Office responded.

The victim, a 30 year old male snowboarder was discovered unconscious by a skier who happened to be skiing by. The skier checked the condition of the snowboarder then notified Aspen Highlands Ski Patrol, who performed CPR on the 30 year old for an unknown period of time. The location of the incident is described as an area of Aspen Highlands known as Deep Temerity. The male snowboarder was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Pitkin County Sheriff's Office and Coroners offices' initial investigation shows a single snowboard track leading into a tree. It is believed the male snowboarder struck that tree, continued on only to strike another tree on which there was a branch. The branch impaled the right side of the snowboarder's chest.

The Pitkin County Coroners office was called to the scene. No further information regarding the identity of the victim is available at this time pending notification of next of kin.

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