

## IMARS Incident details

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### Incident details:

Report no.: NP16070606  
 Incident Type: SAR (Search and Rescue)  
 Incident time: 06/07/2016 14:29 MDT -  
 Reported time: 06/07/2016 14:29 MDT  
 Place of incident: WAYPOINT, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA (Site: CANYON)  
 Clearance status: Closed - Prosecution declined  
 Concluded: No  
 Concluded date:  
 Summary: YELL Canyon, Colin Scott and sister Sable Scott were traveling off board walk/off trail northwest of the Porkchop Geyser in Norris Geyser Basin. Colin Scott slipped and fell into a thermal feature and Sable Scott runs for help back towards Porkchop geyser. US LE Ranger J. Korhut is incident comander and US LE Ranger Chris Russell is the investigating officer. Search and Rescue/EMS/FIRE call out turns from a rescue to a body recovery. Colin Scott died in the superheated, acidic mud pot. Remains were not able to be recovered.

Remarks:

### Associated incidents:

- Other / NP16078833 / Training/Administrative / 06/17/2016 15:53 MDT / 20160617 15:53:52:097

### Involved persons:

- SCOTT SABLE ASHLEIGH / Charged: Complainant; Involved persons (other than above); Visitor; Witness /  
 DOB: ██████████ Gender ██████████ SSN ██████████

### Victim report:

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Author: M Report time: 10/13/2016 11:45

Entered by: #1041 KORHUT, J. Entered time: 10/13/2016 11:45

Event time: Sexual assault No Time:  
 kit:

Violation against victim:

Attempted/completed:

Weapon causing injury: Not applicable Level of injury: Not applicable

Accused is: Unknown Living together: Unknown

Occupancy: Not applicable

Officer status: Not applicable

Victim services notified:

Victim services accepted:

Victim services notified by:

Victim notified:

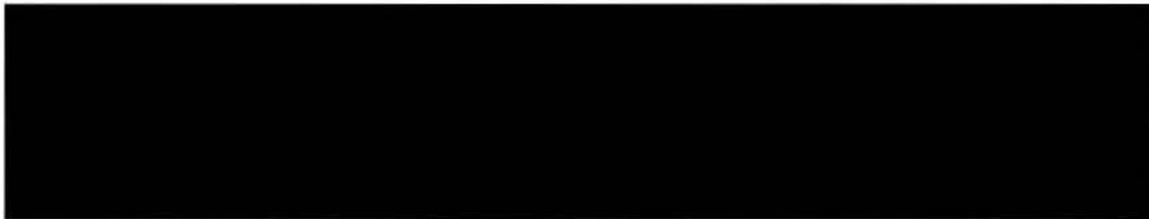
Remarks: Author Krystal McCurdy assigned Family Liason for Sable Scott

Narrative:

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On Tuesday June 7,2016, I , Krystal McCurdy, was contacted by West district Ranger Tara Ross to respond as a family liaison to the Norris Geyser Basin incident. I arrived on scene at 1630. I was briefed by IC. I then traveled to the Ranger Museum where the sister of the deceased, Sable Scott, was being cared for by NPS Rangers. Upon meeting the sister of the deceased I noticed she had visible injuries. After talking for a while I escorted her to the restroom and provided food. I checked to make sure first aid had been given to her. She was visibly upset and requested someone stay with her through the night until family or friends could reach her.

At this time I contacted Lake patrol to check on available lodging for the night. After we had a solid plan I transported her to the Canyon ranger station where US Park Ranger Russel obtained Sable's cell phone. After the phone was transferred I transported her to the Lake government housing area. I set up the apartment 709 E with my personal bedding, food, and shower items. I checked to see if she needed further medical attention. Throughout the night she used my personal cell phone for calls to family and friends. She talked about the accident and I continually monitored her condition.



We discussed a plan for her to leave the park. She wanted to get home to [REDACTED] She currently resides in [REDACTED] It was decided they would drive to Mammoth the next day and we would rendezvous with them. During the night I attempted to keep the family informed on search efforts. I informed Sable that due to the weather, we would likely not be able to recover Collin's body that night.

She requested I remain with her because she feared nightmares and was having trouble not picturing the accident. I remained with her until around 0100 hrs. At this time she felt ok enough for me to leave for a few hours. I arrived back at 709 E at 0640hrs on Wednesday June 8,2016.

After I ensured she ate breakfast and drank some water we called her family and I talked with her father who had been previously informed by Ranger Sween. After the call we left lake. We met Ranger Russel at Norris so he could transfer her cell phone back into her custody. She received the phone in proper working order. At this time I was updated that rangers had observed the body of the deceased in the thermal feature sometime in the night or early morning. I also learned they had made plans to recover the body that day. I informed her of this and we continued driving to Mammoth. Once we arrived in Mammoth her [REDACTED] met us in the VC parking lot. I ensured she had an opportunity to refuse her name in the park news release. At 1053 Sable was transferred into his care and she left the park.

After my contact with the sister ended I began working on a meeting place for the Father of the deceased, [REDACTED] to meet me in Mammoth. I called the Norris

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IC to ensure the spare key would start the vehicle of the deceased. During this time I informed Sable and [REDACTED] that unfortunately recovery efforts had ceased. I explained that even though Rangers used multiple tools and technologies, due to the high temperature and acidity of the feature, we now believed there is no longer an intact body to recover. I expressed my sincerest condolences and while being tactful and compassionate, tried to help him understand why we could not recover any part of his sons body.

We established a plan where I met him at the VC. He arrived just after 1600hrs. We met with Park county coroner Colette Daigle-Burg in the conference room of the Chief Rangers Office.

During this meeting I attempted to answer additional questions the family had. They are interested in viewing the official report from the investigation. They are also concerned with obtaining a death certificate without his body. I gave the father a copy of the news release from Yellowstone.

After the meeting concluded at around 1700 hrs, I escorted the Father along with another sibling of the deceased to Norris. I assisted the coroner in quickly inventorying the vehicle of the deceased. Once this was complete I offered my assistance to the Father in finding clergy, and other support options. Before he left I explained I would still serve as a point of contact between his family and Yellowstone.

Since Wednesday I have remained in contact with the family to ensure remaining questions are answered.

- DAIGLE-BERG, COLETTE / Contractor; Other / Gender: [REDACTED]  
(Voice) [REDACTED]
- SCOTT, COLIN N [DECEASED] / Deceased / DOB: [REDACTED] (23) Gender: Male
- PRASSER, ROSA / Complainant; Employee Non LE / Gender: [REDACTED]

***Involved addresses:***

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- WAYPOINT / Incident address / YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyoming, USA (Site: CANYON)
- GRAND LOOP RD / Dispatch address / YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyoming, USA 82190 (NORRIS GEYSER BASIN) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: CANYON)

***Involved officers:***

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- Assisting officer / 9 / MOORE, R. / #S38 / NPS / Police Officer / NPS YELL / #CR148 WEBSTER, P. / 10/13/2016 / 20161013 --:--:--
- Assisting officer / 9 / PAETSCH, J. / #2544JP / NPS / Police Officer / NPS YELL / #1041 KORHUT, J. / 06/08/2016 / 20160608 --:--:--
- Assisting officer / 9 / BUETER, J. / #1255 / NPS / Police Officer / NPS YELL / 06/08/2016 / 20160608 --:--:--
- Assisting officer / 9 / STREHLE, P. / #1391 / NPS / Police Officer / NPS YELL / 06/08/2016 / 20160608 --:--:--
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- Assisting officer / 9 / BRECHT, G. / #2947S / NPS / Police Officer / NPS YELL / #1041 KORHUT, J. / 06/08/2016 / 20160608 --:--:--
- Assisting officer / 9 / PIKE, J. / #1489 / NPS / Police Officer / NPS YELL / #1614 RAWLINGS, C. / 06/08/2016 / 20160608 --:--:--

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- Assisting officer / 9 / SWEEN, P. / #2601PS / NPS / Police Officer / NPS YELL / #1621 ROSS, T. / 06/08/2016 / 20160608 --:--:--
- Investigator/agent; Reporting officer / 9 / RUSSELL, C. / #1705 / NPS / Police Officer / NPS YELL / #1041 KORHUT, J. / 06/07/2016 / 20160607 --:--:--
- Assisting officer / 9 / SMITH, K. / #2760KS / NPS / Police Officer / NPS YELL / 06/07/2016 / 20160607 --:--:--
- Supervising officer / 9 / KORHUT, J. / #1041 / NPS / Police Officer / NPS YELL / #S165 VERESS, L. / 06/07/2016 / 20160607 --:--:--

***Involved property:***

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- CD-ROM/DVD/floppy disk / Evidence / NP16070606 / In / [NPS YELL CANYON RANGER STATION] EVIDENCE LOCKER:DRAWER:K / P16008133 / P16008133
- : Other / Evidence; Found; Held; Safekeeping / ITEMS RECOVERD FROM VEHICLE / In / [NPS YELL CANYON RANGER STATION] EVIDENCE LOCKER:DRAWER:K / P16001990 / P16001990
- : Other / Safekeeping / SABLE SCOTT STATEMENT / In / [NPS YELL CANYON RANGER STATION] EVIDENCE LOCKER:DRAWER:E / P16001853 / P16001853
- Personal: Boots/shoes / Evidence; Found / [FLIP FLOP] / Disposed
- Personal: Boots/shoes / Damaged; Destroyed; Evidence; Found / [FLIP FLOP] / Disposed
- Personal: Wallet / Damaged; Evidence; Found / [BLACK WALLET] / Disposed
- CD-ROM/DVD/floppy disk / Evidence / DVD-R / NP16070606 / In / [NPS YELL CANYON RANGER STATION] EVIDENCE LOCKER:DRAWER:K / P16001832 / P16001832

***Reports:***

***General report:***

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*Author:* #1391 STREHLE, P. *Report time:* 06/08/2016 19:20 MDT

*Entered by:* #1391 STREHLE, P. *Entered time:* 06/08/2016 19:20 MDT

*Remarks:* NP16070606 Supplemental Report

*Narrative:*

On 06/07/2016, I responded to the Norris Geyser Basin for a report of an individual who had fallen into a thermal feature. At approximately 1903 hours, myself along with Doug MADSEN, Rick LEE and Carrie GUILLES traveled on foot to the reported thermal feature where the individual had fallen in. Upon arriving at the feature at 1941 hours, portions of the head, upper torso and hands of a male subject were visible in the thermal feature. Due to the report of the individual not previously visible, a lack of movement, suspected extreme temperatures and indications of severe thermal burns, the subject was determined to be deceased. The subject appeared to be an adult male. A V-neck style shirt was visible on the subject. A necklace with a cross was visible and was resting on the subjects face.

Floating next to the subject was the bottom of an orange bottomed flip flop style shoe. Another matching flip flop was located upright approximately one to two feet from the edge of the thermal feature. Due to the hazard associated with walking near the edge of the feature without additional safety protection in place, the subject and all items were left in place. Any additional attempts to recover the subject or items were suspended due to decreasing light and severe electrical weather.

The feature was approximately six feet long by four feet wide. The water was muddy and gray in color. Due to the nature of the water, it was not possible to see within the water. The location was documented with photographs. All personnel left the feature at approximately 2017 hours and returned to the Norris Geyser Museum at 2045 hours.

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**Author:** #1705 RUSSELL, C. **Report time:** 06/12/2016 19:37 MDT

**Entered by:** #1705 RUSSELL, C. **Entered time:** 06/12/2016 19:37 MDT

**Remarks:** Incident Report

**Narrative:**

NP16070606

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, while on duty as a United States Park Ranger in the exclusive jurisdictional boundaries of Yellowstone National Park, I, U.S. Park Ranger C. Russell, was called out to Norris Geyser Basin for an individual that reportedly fell into a geyser.

I arrived on scene to find U.S. Park Ranger P. SWEEN talking with a young woman on the edge of the boardwalk near Monarch Geyser. I also saw U.S. Park Ranger J. Korhut, who assumed the Incident Command position, directing two rangers to enter the area on a hasty search. A second team was soon assembled and deployed by Ranger Korhut as resources arrived. I began to assemble a recovery team while waiting for the hasty team to report back on a location.

The female was identified as Sable Ashleigh Scott who stated in general that her brother had slipped into a geyser and needed help. (See P. Sween's report) Sable Scott also gave a description of the male as well as the approximate location of where the two last saw each other. In general, Sable Scott said the pool would have her brothers flip flops next to the edge and pointed to the area rangers needed to go. Sable identified her brother as Colin Nathaniel Scott, [REDACTED] who currently lived in Portland OR. Sable Scott made a statement saying she had a video of the moments just prior to Colin Scott's disappearance. This statement was not made to be and I was informed about it later.

Sable Scott was escorted away from the scene by Ranger Sween and taken to the Norris Ranger Museum where she was provided with a family/witness advocate. Advocate Krystal Mccurdy became the main contact with Sable and the rest of the family for the remainder of the incident.

One of the hasty teams found the thermal feature in question and was unable to see any remains present in the body of water. Given the dangerous geological make-up of the area, and the lack of emergent necessity, all teams were extracted from the area and regrouped in the Norris Geyser Basin Ranger Station in order to formulate a better plan of action.

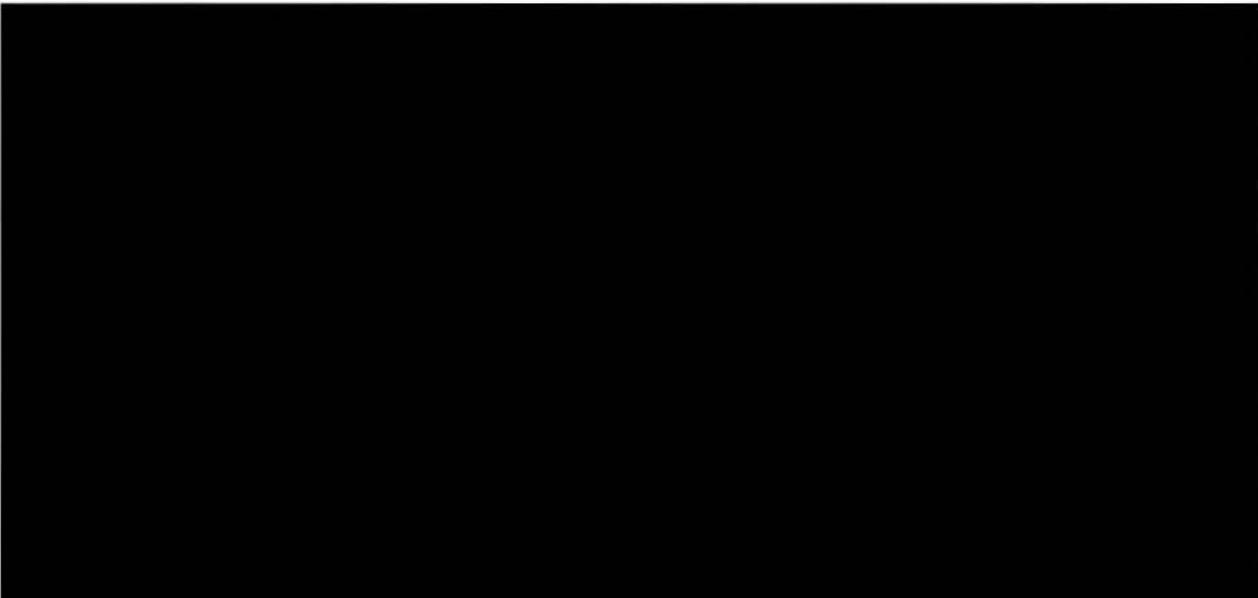
Ranger Korhut placed me in charge of investigations on the incident. When I learned of the statement Sable made in regards to the video, I left the geyser basin to meet with Sable at the Norris Ranger Museum. I delegated responsibility of investigating the physical scene to U.S. Park Ranger G. Brecht once a plan was in place for re-entry to the area.

I contacted Sable Scott at the Norris Ranger Station at approximately 1700 hours on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. I asked her if she had a video leading up to the incident. Sable Scott told me in general she did have a video that she had not watched yet. She was not sure what was on it either. I asked Sable Scott permission to watch the video and she gave both verbal and written consent. Sable requested to step out while I watched the video because she did not want to know what was on it.

With Sable Scott's permission, I held onto her iPhone and watched the video she had recorded. This was witnessed by Ranger Sween as well as Ranger C. Rawlings. The video is as follows, transcribed by me;



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After viewing the video on the phone, I explained to Sable Scott that I needed to get a copy of the video from her phone and asked her if she would allow me to do so. I explained this meant I would be keeping her phone for the evening and would return it to her at the earliest available time. Sable Scott gave written and verbal permission for me to do so. See witness statement. I informed Sable Scott that she may not want to view the video and I asked her if when I extract a copy from her phone, would she prefer me to delete it. Sable Scott told me in general, I may never watch it, but I want to keep it. I collected the phone and the written statement; I told Sable Scott that I would be in touch with her the next day in order to return her phone.

Sable Scott informed me of a vehicle in the parking lot of Norris Geyser Basin that belonged to her brother. The vehicle was a Silver Nissan Frontier [REDACTED]. Sable Scott asked if she could retrieve her belongings from the vehicle on the way out. I met up with her at the vehicle approximately 30 minutes later in the Norris parking lot. Sable Scott was able to find a hidden key in order to open the vehicle. I witnessed her grab a backpack from the vehicle and Sable Scott gave me the key. Sable Scott remained in the company of Krystal Mccurdy the rest of the evening and overnight in the Lake District area.

I returned to Norris Geyser Basin to check in on the recovery efforts as well as the physical investigation. I checked in with Range Korhut to find that due to weather and time, no attempt to recover Colin Scott's remains would take place that evening. A technical rescue team, led by U.S. Park Ranger P. Strehle was able to locate the thermal feature and photograph the area. During the time Ranger Strehle had been at the location, the suspected remains of Colin Scott had floated to the surface. See June 7<sup>th</sup> photos. The photos taken Ranger Strehle took clearly show flip flops that match the final sweeping scene of the video provided by Sable Scott. The photos show the remains are wearing a grey t-shirt similar to that of what Colin Scott was wearing in the video.

All recovery efforts were ceased for June 7<sup>th</sup> by the command staff of the incident.

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 0800 hours, all recovery personnel reassembled at Norris Geyser Basing. After the initial briefing, I separated from the recovery team to meet with Sable Scott in order to return the phone. I met with Sable Scott at the entrance of the Norris Geyser Basin, along with Krystal Mccurdy, and discussed the return of the phone. Sable Scott asked me if she would be in trouble for her violation of leaving the boardwalk. I told Sable Scott that my job, when dealing with violations, is to apply the lowest level of force necessary to gain full compliance. I than told her I think the loss of a loved one is more than enough. I told Sable Scott to travel safe. Sable Scott was escorted by Krystal Mccurdy to Mammoth Hot Springs for further transportation to her home. Krystal Mccurdy informed me that Sable Scott's father would be flying in that day and wanted to pick up the vehicle and drive it back. I was also told her father wanted to speak with me if available. I explained to Krystal Mccurdy that I would be happy to speak with him but I would not be able to provide any details other than what was provided in the press release. Krystal Mccurdy told me she would pass on the information.

I returned to the Norris Geyser Basin to find that the technical rescue team was on scene and no visible remains were present. U.S. Park Ranger J. Pike, a member of the rescue team, collected a black wallet from the thermal feature, one very melted flip flop from the thermal feature, and one flip flop recovered from the thermal features edge. The items clearly resembled the ones from all other accounts. The wallet contained one black I.D.

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insert; Oregon fishing license; 1 OR driver's license issued to Colin N. SCOTT; 1 OR concealed carry weapons issued to Colin N. SCOTT; 1 Fred Meyer rewards card issued to Colin N. SCOTT; 1 Washington County library card issued to Colin N. SCOTT; 1 Allcare health care card issued to Colin N. SCOTT; 1 Dutch Brothers card; 1 Pacific University of OR bank card issued to Colin N. SCOTT, 1 CPR/AED card issued to Colin N. SCOTT; Oregon hunting license. Ranger Pike collected the evidence and passed off the items to me at 1312 hours on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 on the boardwalk near the extraction point of the rescue team. See supplemental report.

I was later informed that all recovery efforts had ceased due to lack of physical remains. It was explained to me that due to the acidity of the water in the thermal feature, as well as the extremely high temperature of the thermal feature, the remains most likely dissolved overnight. I attended the closing brief for the incident and cleared the area in order to process evidence. I left the key to Colin Scott's vehicle in the Norris Geyser Basin ranger office so that Krystal Mcurdy could have access to it when Colin's father arrived. The vehicle was recovered without incident and not in my presence. I was also told Colin Scott's father no longer wanted to meet with me.

End of report.

**Supplementary report:**

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**Author:** #2601PS SWEEN, P. **Report time:** 06/07/2016 23:21 MDT

**Entered by:** #2601PS SWEEN, P. **Entered time:** 06/07/2016 23:21 MDT

**Remarks:**

**Narrative:**

CFS YELLY06072016-64 – Colin SCOTT SAR

Approximately 1420 hours- I responded to a radio call for medical emergency at Norris Geyser Basin involving a single patient who had fallen into a thermal area. I responded down the geyser basin trail with EMS and oxygen kit to the Pork Chop Geyser area. I met with Incident Commander Ranger Korhut who was already on scene. At Korhut's direction, I continued interviewing Sable SCOTT, (the reporting party). Sable SCOTT, (age 21), reported that she and her older brother, Colin SCOTT, (age 23), described by Sable as 5'10 tall, 150 pounds, and skinny, wearing cut-off jeans and a gray tee shirt, were hiking off of the boardwalk and that Colin fell into a hot spring and did not get out. Sable pointed in the west direction, and to the footprints west of the Pork Chop thermal area boardwalk, where she stated that she had walked back to report the accident. Sable stated that after she left the area where Colin fell in, she had gotten directionally turned around, and was now not sure where the exact location was. Sable said she had taken a different route back than she and Colin had originally traveled. Sable stated that there were no other visitors or witnesses at the location where Colin fell in the pool which she described as only 4 to 5 feet across.

Sable SCOTT said she lives [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Sable stated that her brother Colin has been residing in Portland, Oregon, and that he had just graduated college. Sable said Colin had come to visit her [REDACTED] and that they were on a day trip to Yellowstone. Their plans were to spend the night outside of the park, and they did not have reservations or plans to stay the night in Yellowstone Park. Sable stated that she and her brother were the only one's traveling in their party, and that Colin had driven them in his truck, which was parked in the Norris Geyser basin parking area.

Sable provided her cell phone number a [REDACTED] She knew her brother's, (Colin's), cell phone number which she stated was [REDACTED] Sable did not know her address [REDACTED] Sable provided her Father's cell phone number as [REDACTED]

At Ranger Korhut's direction at about 1530 hours, I asked Sable to accompany me to the Geyser basin parking area where I had her sit in my patrol vehicle and had Ranger Romanchuk attend to a minor injury. I advised

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Sable that a Family Liaison ranger was responding to offer support. Sable stated that she understood that her brother Colin was likely not going to be found alive. Sable expressed an interest in getting to an area where she could have phone access. At approximately 1540 hours, I drove Sable to the Norris Ranger Museum, and assisted her to use the land-line telephone.

Sable called and spoke with her Father [redacted] at approximately 1600 hours. I also spoke with [redacted] at that time and gave him what information I could. I recontacted [redacted] by phone at approximately 1700 hours. Family Liaison and Victim Assistance Rangers Tara Ross and Krystal McCurdy met with Sable at Norris Ranger Museum at approximately 1730 pm and began making arrangements for Sable to have a place to stay for the night with a Family Liaison Ranger.

Ranger Christopher Russell met with Sable and I at approximately 1745 hours. Sable told Ranger Russell and I that she had cell phone video footage of Colin falling into the thermal pool that she was willing to share with us. Ranger Russell and Sable and I relocated to the Norris Ranger Station. Ranger Russell asked Sable for permission to download the video recording as evidence, and Sable stated that she gave her permission to letting Russell download the recording. I provided Sable with a statement form for her to document her permission for downloading her video recording. Sable completed the form in front of me at the Norris Ranger Station.

At approximately 1815 hours, Sable left the Norris Ranger Station with Family Liaison McCurdy enroute to Lake Ranger housing area, where they had accommodations for the night. McCurdy stated that she will stay the night with Sable and work on further arrangements tomorrow. I called [redacted] again at 1820 hours.

I called [redacted] at 2110 hours tonight with no additional information for him. I agreed to contact him tomorrow morning with an update a 0900 hours. [redacted] requests an update as soon as his son's body is recovered. [redacted] is making arrangements for travel to Yellowstone from [redacted]

Ranger Pieter Sween  
Madison Ranger Station  
06-07-2016 - 2142 hours

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**Author:** #1041 KORHUT, J. **Report time:** 10/12/2016 13:12  
**Entered by:** #1041 KORHUT, J. **Entered time:** 10/12/2016 13:12  
**Remarks:** Incident Commander supplement  
**Narrative:**

At approximately 14:30 hours I was on patrol driving west bound on the Norris to Canyon Road. An emergency EMS page went out on the radio for an individual who fell into one of the thermal features at Norris Geyser Basin and was still sitting near the edge of the thermal feature.

I responded to the geyser basin and was directed to the Pork chop Geyser by one the interpretive rangers that was on scene with the reporting party. When I arrived at Pork chop geyser I met Sable Scott. She said she and her brother were walking off the board walk and found a "hot pool". She said he slipped and fell into the hot pool. I asked her where they were and she pointed in the direction west to north west from the boardwalk. She seemed very confused and very quiet. It was initially difficult to get much information from Sable Scott.

I established myself as incident commander for the search and rescue at approximately 14:40 hours. She showed me a video that she took on her phone of the area of the pool and what Colin Scott was wearing at the time. She showed me the flip flops he was wearing and said the flip flops were alongside the pool along with his wallet.

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I promptly sent out a hasty team (HT #1), LE Ranger George Brecht and Interpretive Ranger Rick Lee, to look for Colin SCOTT and to administer first aid if needed. I heard Ranger Brecht call me on the radio and told me they found the thermal feature with the flip flops and wallet that matched the description that Sable Scott gave me earlier. They were currently searching the area for Colin SCOTT.

I sent out another hasty team (HT #2) to join up with the HT#1 with paramedic Adam Burns in case HT#1 found Colin SCOTT and he needed immediate first aid.

HT 1&2 reported that there was nothing visible on the surface of the pool except Colin SCOTT's wallet, on flip flop floating in the pool and one flip flop on the edge of the pool where Sable SCOTT said Colin SCOTT was standing on the edge of the pool. They also said they searched around the pool to see if they could find an area where Colin Scott may have pulled himself out of the pool and onto the edge of the pool. They were unable to find any evidence of someone coming out of the pool.

I received further information from the sister, from LE Ranger Peter Sween, and the reporting interpretive rangers, that reportedly Sable Scott said she saw him slip and fall into the thermal feature and he was completely submerged. [REDACTED]

At this time US Ranger Jesse Pike came on scene and he was assigned as the Operations Sections Chief. I gave him an update and we decided this had turned into a body recovery instead of a rescue due to all of the evidence described above. We decided to pull both hasty teams out from the thermal feature where Colin Scott was last seen and regroup up at the Norris Museum.

Later that evening we assembled a recovery team to safely navigate into the thermal feature to recover the body. The recovery team lead by US Ranger Phil Strehle and Ranger Carrie Guiles, flagged a safe route into the thermal feature. When they got to the area they saw Colin Scott's body floating on the surface of the thermal pool. Due to the team having to navigate over extremely volatile thermal areas, multiple lightning storms coming through the area and it was getting dark, the recovery team decided to suspend recovery operations for the night.

The next day, June 8th, another recovery team inserted into the thermal area to recover the body. There were no remains visible according to the second recovery team. The team tried to recover some remains by using long catch poles that are used to clean out thermal areas. No remain were found.

The recovery team was called to stand down and pull out all of their equipment out from the feature. Due to the thermal features extreme environment, a superheated acidic mud pot, recovery operations were suspended. The thermal feature was going to be checked approximately once a month to see if any remains could be found with fluctuating water levels in the mud pot.

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**Entered by:** #1705 RUSSELL, C. **Entered time:** 06/13/2016 16:50 MDT

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**Officer:**

**Remarks:** SCOTT photo supp, signs leading to area

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VERESS, L. [Med] Import of CAD event into IMARS incident NP16070606 SAR (Search and Rescue) @06/07/2016 14:29 MDT (WAYPOINT, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA (Site: CANYON))

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Remarks: Norris Geyser Basin, safe travel route for recovery team. Thermal imaging maps

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE (FOUO)**

STATE OF WYOMING  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

2016-001986

LOCAL FILE NUMBER

STATE FILE NUMBER

1. DECEDENT'S LEGAL NAME (Exclude AKAs if any) (Print, Middle, Last) Colin Nathaniel Scott		2. SEX Male	3. DATE OF DEATH (Mo/Day/Yr) (Read Month) June 07, 2016
4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]	5A. AGE - Last Birthday (Years) 23	5B. UNDER 1 YEAR Months: Days:	5C. UNDER 1 DAY Hours: Minutes:
6. PLACE OF DEATH (Check only one) <input type="checkbox"/> If DEATH OCCURRED IN A HOSPITAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> ER / Outpatient <input type="checkbox"/> DCA <input type="checkbox"/> If DEATH OCCURRED SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN A HOSPITAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Hospice Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home / Long Term Care Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Decedent's Home <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Yellowstone National Park			
7A. FACILITY NAME (If not institution, give street and number) Norris Geyser Basin		7B. CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION OF DEATH Yellowstone National Park	7C. COUNTY OF DEATH Park
8. BIRTHPLACE (City and state or foreign country) Salem, Oregon	9. MARITAL STATUS AT TIME OF DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Married, but separated <input type="checkbox"/> Informal <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		10. SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give name prior to first marriage)
11. EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? NO	12a. RESIDENCE - STATE Oregon	12b. CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION [REDACTED]	12c. CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION [REDACTED]
12d. ZIP CODE [REDACTED]	12e. ZIP CODE [REDACTED]	12f. ZIP CODE [REDACTED]	12g. ZIP CODE [REDACTED]
13a. INFORMANT'S NAME Sable Ash Leigh Scott		13b. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT Sister	13c. ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF INFORMANT (City, State, Zip, Phone) [REDACTED]
14. METHOD OF DISPOSITION Other		17a. PLACE OF DISPOSITION Unable to Recover Body	17b. LOCATION - CITY OR TOWN AND STATE Norris Geyser Basin Hot Spring
15a. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL SERVICE LICENSEE Colette Daigle-Berg, Yellowstone National Park - Coroner		15b. LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]	15c. NAME OF FACILITY Wyoming Department of Health - Presumptive Death
15d. ADDRESS OF FACILITY 2300 Capitol Ave., First Floor, Cheyenne, Wyoming		16. ACTUAL OR PRESUMED TIME OF DEATH 14:20 (Approximate)	
16. DATE PROBOUNCED DEAD (Mo/Day/Yr) June 07, 2016		17. TIME PROBOUNCED DEAD 19:41	18. WAS CORONER CONTACTED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
21. PART I: Cover the chain of events - diseases, injuries or complications - that directly caused the death. DO NOT enter external events such as cardiac arrest, respiratory arrest, or ventricular fibrillation without showing the etiology. DO NOT ABBREVIATE. Enter only one cause on a line. Add additional lines if necessary. 21a. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Final disease or condition resulting in death) Scalding DUE TO (or as a consequence of) 21b. UNDERLYING CAUSE (Subsidiary for conditions, if any leading to final cause listed on line a. Enter the UNDERLYING CAUSE (disease or injury that initiated the events resulting in death) LAST. Submersion in Thermal Hot Spring DUE TO (or as a consequence of) 21c. DUE TO (or as a consequence of) 21d. DUE TO (or as a consequence of)			22. APPROXIMATE INTERVAL (Count to death) Seconds
PART II: Enter other significant conditions contributing to death but not resulting in the underlying cause given in Part I.			23. WAS AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
24. WERE AUTOPSY FINDINGS AVAILABLE TO COMPLETE THE CAUSE OF DEATH? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		27. DID TOBACCO USE CONTRIBUTE TO DEATH? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> PROBABLY <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	
26. IF FEMALE AGED 15-54 <input type="checkbox"/> Not pregnant within past year <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnant at time of death <input type="checkbox"/> Not pregnant, but pregnant within 42 days of death <input type="checkbox"/> Not pregnant, but pregnant 43 days to 1 year before death <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown if pregnant within the past year		28. MANNER OF DEATH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide <input type="checkbox"/> Accidental <input type="checkbox"/> Pending Investigation <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide <input type="checkbox"/> Could not be determined	
29. DATE OF INJURY (Mo/Day/Yr) June 07, 2016 (Actual)	31. TIME OF INJURY (Approximate)	32. PLACE OF INJURY (Decedent's home, construction site, forest, etc.) Yellowstone National Park	33. INJURY AT WORK? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
34. LOCATION OF INJURY (Street and number, City or Town, State) Norris Geyser Basin, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming		35. IF TRANSPORTATION ACCIDENT, SPECIFY: <input type="checkbox"/> Driver / Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
36. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED, AND IF TRANSPORTATION INJURY, THE TYPE(S) OF VEHICLE(S) INVOLVED (Automobile, pickup, motorcoach, ATV, bicycle, etc.) Decedent fell into highly acidic, boiling hot spring becoming completely submerged. Decedent was illegally off the maintained trail and boardwalk system.			
37a. CERTIFIER (Check only one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PHYSICIAN - to the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date and place, and due to the cause(s) and manner stated. <input type="checkbox"/> CORONER - On the basis of examination, and/or investigation, in my opinion, death occurred at the time, date and place, and due to the cause(s) and manner stated.			
37b. SIGNATURE OF CERTIFIER Colette Daigle-Berg		37c. DATE CERTIFIED (Mo/Day/Yr) June 20, 2016	
37d. NAME, TITLE AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFIER (Type or print) Colette Daigle-Berg, National Park Service, PO Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, Yellowstone		38. DATE RECEIVED BY REGISTRAR (Mo/Day/Yr) June 27, 2016	
38a. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Kaelyn Johnson		38b. DATE RECEIVED BY REGISTRAR (Mo/Day/Yr) June 27, 2016	

To Be Completed/Verified by: FUNERAL DIRECTOR (or Person Acting as Such)

To Be Completed By: CERTIFIER

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

39. DECEDENT'S EDUCATION (Check the box that best describes the highest degree or level of school completed at the time of death.) <input type="checkbox"/> 8th grade or less (includes none) <input type="checkbox"/> 9th - 12th grade, but no diploma <input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate or GED completed <input type="checkbox"/> Some college credit, but no degree <input type="checkbox"/> Associate degree (e.g., AA, AS) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree (e.g., AB, BA, BS) <input type="checkbox"/> Master's degree (e.g., MA, MEd, MEd, MS, MEd) <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate or professional degree (e.g., DDS, DC, DVM, SJD, JD, LL.M., PhD)	40. DECEDENT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN? (Check the box that best describes whether the decedent is Spanish/Hispanic/Latino. Check the box that best describes the race of the decedent's parents.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	41. DECEDENT'S RACE (Check one or more boxes to indicate what the decedent considered himself or herself to be.) <input type="checkbox"/> [REDACTED] <input type="checkbox"/> [REDACTED]	
	42a. DECEDENT'S USUAL OCCUPATION (Indicate type of work done during most of working life. Do not use initials.) Student		
	42b. KIND OF BUSINESS / INDUSTRY Education		

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LOCATION OF INCIDENT <b>Norris Geyser Basin, Yellowstone National Park</b>		DATE OF INCIDENT <b>06/07/2016</b>
NATURE OF INCIDENT <b>Coroner's Report—Hot Spring Fatality</b>		
COMPLAINANT'S NAME <b>Colin Nathaniel Scott</b> SSN# [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] DOD: <b>06/07/2016</b>	COMPLAINANT'S ADDRESS [REDACTED]	

**Summary of Incident:**

On 6/07/2016 Colin Nathaniel Scott and his adult sister, Sable Scott, were walking, illegally, off the boardwalk at Norris Geyser Basin in Yellowstone National Park. At approximately 1420 hours Sable Scott witnessed Colin slip and fall into a hot spring. She attempted to rescue him but could not pull him out. Rescuers witnessed his body in the hot spring at approximately 1941 hours on 6/07/2016. Due to safety concerns they were unable to recover his body that evening. When the recovery team returned to the hot spring the next morning, they were unable to locate his body. His wallet and flip flops were recovered. The temperature of the water was recorded at over 212 degrees fahrenheit. The acidity of the water was recorded with a pH of 5. Evidence suggests that the extreme heat and the acidity of the water quickly dissolved his body in the hot spring.

Colin Scott's Manner of Death was recorded as "Accidental". Cause of Death was recorded as: Scalding due to Submersion in thermal hot spring. Colin Scott's death certificate, 2016-001986, was recorded and filed by Wyoming Vital Statistics on 6/27/2016.

**Incident Investigation and Response:**

On 6/07/2016 at approximately 1700 hours, Yellowstone National Park Dispatcher, Beth Dreyer, phoned regarding my availability to investigate the death of a visitor who had fallen into a hot spring at Norris Geyser Basin. Dreyer said that the victim's body had not yet been recovered but they would call when it was.

On 6/08/2016 at approximately 1500 hours, Yellowstone National Park Fire Dispatcher, Ed Folts, phoned to request coroner investigation of the Norris fatality. He said that the recovery team had not located or recovered the victim's remains. He said that Canyon Deputy District Ranger, Jessica Korb, was the Incident Commander and Canyon Ranger, Chris Russell was the lead investigator. He also advised that National Park Ranger, Krystal McCurdy, had been assigned as Family Liaison.

SUBMITTED BY (SIGNATURE AND DATE) Colette Daigle-Berg—Yellowstone National Park Deputy Coroner <i>Colette Daigle Berg 7/14/16</i>	APPROVED BY (SIGNATURE AND DATE) <i>L. VERESS, S165, DEPUTY CR</i> <i>[Signature]</i> 9/13/2016
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**Incident Investigation and Response Continued:**

During the course of my investigation I spoke with and read the statement of the primary responders to the incident. Sable Scott, sister of the decedent, was with Colin when he slipped and fell into the hot spring. She recorded on her smart phone several video clips of herself and Colin intentionally being off boardwalk at Norris. The smart phone recorded the moment he slipped and fell into the pool and her efforts to rescue him.

When Sable was unable to rescue Colin she ran back to the boardwalk and returned to the Norris Geyser Basin Museum. (There is no cell phone service at Norris.) Sable contacted Yellowstone Interpretive Ranger, Rosa Prasser, at the Museum. Ranger Prasser contacted the Yellowstone Communications Center by radio to request help.

Norris Interpretive Ranger Rick Lee and Canyon Ranger George Brecht were the first to reach the hot spring where the incident took place. Ranger Lee said there was a wallet and a flip flop floating in the hot spring. A matching flip flop was in the mud on the edge of the hot spring. Ranger Lee said there was no one visible on the surface of the hot spring pool. He probed the pool with a stick and felt a large object that he was unable to bring to the surface. Rangers Lee and Brecht vacated the area at the request of the Incident Commander.

Additional rescue personnel were dispatched to the scene. Due to numerous safety concerns with respect to lightning storm activity and the dangers of navigating in an active thermal basin, the additional rescuers did not arrive at the hot spring until approximately 1941 hours.

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**Incident Investigation and Response Continued:**

Team Leader, Ranger Phil Strehle, Ranger Lee, and Yellowstone Search and Rescue member, Doug Madsen, all reported seeing the upper torso of a male victim floating face-up in the pool.



[REDACTED] Strehle determined that the victim was deceased. The rescuers were unable to safely recover the body that evening due to safety concerns of working around the hot spring.

The rescue/recovery team returned to the scene the following morning, 6/08/16, arriving at approximately 0815 hours. Rescuers Strehle and Madsen both said that the body was no longer visible in the hot spring. Strehle said there were no indications that the body had been removed by another human or animal due to the lack of drag marks along the edges of the pool.

The water in the spring was gray in color and had poor clarity. Visibility was estimated to be just one to two inches. The hot spring was estimated to be approximately six feet long by four feet wide. Madsen estimated that most of the pool was about ten feet deep. He said that the pool was bubbling and that the bubbling increased or decreased during the course of their operation. The water temperature was recorded as at least 100 degrees celsius/212 degrees fahrenheit.

Rescue personnel constructed a safe platform from which to work. Madsen then extensively probed the hot spring. No human remains were felt or recovered during the operation. The consensus among the rescue/recovery team, which included Park Scientist Ann Rodman, was that the extreme heat of the hot spring, coupled with its acidic nature, dissolved the remains.

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**Identification of the Decedent:**

The body seen floating in the hot springs by rescuers Strehle and Madsen was wearing a gray V-necked T-shirt. The V-necked gray t-shirt was similar to the shirt worn by Colin in the videos taken by his sister Sable. Similarly the flip flops recovered from the hot spring looked to match those worn by Colin in the videos. Team leader Strehle reported seeing a small crucifix resting on the victim's face. [REDACTED] the victim's father, said that Colin wore a crucifix. The wallet recovered from the scene contained several pieces of identification belonging to Colin Scott. The videos of the incident taken by Sable Scott were consistent with her report of the incident. They showed a young adult male matching the photo identifications of Colin Scott recovered from his wallet.

**Notification of Family:**

Madison Ranger Pieter Sween interviewed and took initial care of Sable Scott, adult sister of Colin Scott. Sable told Ranger Sween that she witnessed Colin fall into the hot spring and that he did not get out. Sable notified her father, [REDACTED] of the incident and probable outcome at approximately 1600 hours on 6/07/2016. Ranger Sween also talked with [REDACTED] and gave him a preliminary account of the incident.

**Medical History:**

I interviewed Colin's father, [REDACTED] on 6/08/16. [REDACTED] advised that Colin was a well-adjusted recent college graduate who had plans to attend graduate school in the fall. The video clips taken by Sable Scott support that this incident was an accident rather than a possible suicide event.

**Autopsy/Toxicology:**

Remains were not recovered from the hot spring.

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**Disposition of the body:**

The water in the pool was recorded as having a pH of 5 on 6/17/16 by Yellowstone Park Scientist Ann Rodman. The water temperature of the hot spring was recorded to be at least 100° Celsius/ 212° Fahrenheit when measured on 6/08/16. The hot spring displayed turbulence and changes in water level of eight to ten inches during the attempted recovery operation on 6/08/16.

Park Scientist Ann Rodman advised that the extreme heat of the hot spring coupled with its acidic nature likely dissolved the remains.

**Disposition of Property:**

At approximately 1615 hours on 6/08/16 I met with Ranger McCurdy, [REDACTED] and Colin Scott's brother in the Chief Rangers Office conference room. We drove to Norris Geyser Basin where I inventoried Colin Scott's vehicle, conducted a short interview with [REDACTED] and released Colin's vehicle to him.

Family Liaison Ranger McCurdy procured the vehicle key which had been stored at the Norris Geyser Basin Ranger Office by Ranger Russell. Ranger Russell had met with Sable Scott at Colin's vehicle parked at Norris Geyser Basin. Sable found a hide-a-key and gave that to Ranger Russell. She also retrieved a backpack from the vehicle containing her personal belongings.

Vehicle registration confirmed the silver, year 2000, Nissan Frontier pick-up truck— [REDACTED] was registered to Colin Scott. An inventory of the vehicle included hiking and camping equipment. \$100.00 in cash, clothing and other miscellaneous items. A small, locked, gun safe was located under the driver's seat. It felt as if it contained at least one and possibly two firearms. Three boxes of ammunition, a semi-automatic magazine loaded with eight 40 calibre rounds and a black leather holster were found in the cab. No drugs or medications were found in the vehicle.

SUBMITTED BY (SIGNATURE AND DATE) Colette Daigle-Berg—Yellowstone National Park Deputy Coroner <i>Colette Daigle Berg 7/14/16</i>		APPROVED BY (SIGNATURE AND DATE)  9/13/2016	
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LOCATION OF INCIDENT <b>Norris Geyser Basin, Yellowstone National Park</b>	DATE OF INCIDENT <b>06/07/2016</b>
NATURE OF INCIDENT <b>Coroner's Report—Hot Spring Fatality</b>	
COMPLAINANT'S NAME <b>Colin Nathaniel Scott</b> SSN# [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] DOD: <b>06/07/2016</b>	COMPLAINANT'S ADDRESS [REDACTED]

**Disposition of Property Continued:**

The black wallet and orange and black flip flops recovered from the hot spring by Rescuer Madsen were released to Ranger Jesse Pike. Pike then released the items to Ranger Russell for submission into evidence. Russell inventoried the contents of the wallet. No money was found in the wallet.

Rangers Russell and Alex Tait, Canyon evidence custodian, released the wallet and flip flops to me on 6/17/16. I inventoried and photographed the items before shipping them to [REDACTED] on 6/17/16. The items were shipped via FedEx from the Yellowstone Supply Center. [REDACTED] emailed on 6/24/16 that he received the items. (See attached property receipts.)

**Cause and Manner of Death:**

On 6/09/16 I contacted Guy Beaudoin, Director of Wyoming Vital Records, regarding the death certificate process when a decedent's remains are not recovered. Beaudoin advised that no funeral home need be involved and permitted me access to complete Colin's demographic information.

Colin Scott's Manner of Death was recorded as "Accidental". Cause of Death was recorded as: Scalding due to Submersion in thermal hot spring. Colin Scott's death certificate, 2016-001986, was recorded and filed by Wyoming Vital Statistics on 6/27/2016.

SUBMITTED BY (SIGNATURE AND DATE) Colette Daigle-Berg—Yellowstone National Park Deputy Coroner <i>Colette Daigle Berg 7/14/16</i>	APPROVED BY (SIGNATURE AND DATE) <i>[Signature]</i> 9/13/2016
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**Contacts:**

[REDACTED]

Sable Scott—Decedent's Sister and Witness to Death

[REDACTED]

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Scott S.A.R.	
Photographer P. Strehle	
Photo #	Description
IMG_0001	Overall Scene
IMG_0002	Overall scene and initial approach by rescuers
IMG_0003	Mid distance photo of the thermal feature
IMG_0004	Photo showing remains and point of entry
IMG_0005	Photo showing remains and point of entry
IMG_0006	Close up photo of remains
IMG_0007	Close up photo of shoe
IMG_0008	Mid distance photo of the thermal feature
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IMG_0011	Close up photo of remains
IMG_0012	Close up photo of remains
IMG_0013	Mid distance photo of the thermal feature with remains
IMG_0014	Mid distance photo of the thermal feature
IMG_0015	Mid distance photo of the thermal feature
IMG_0016	Mid distance photo of the thermal feature with remains
IMG_0017	Mid distance photo of the thermal feature
IMG_0018	Mid distance photo of the thermal feature
IMG_0019	Mid distance photo of the thermal feature with remains



Day one, initial recovery effort.



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**PHOTO #1**

**DESCRIPTION: Colin Scott's Vehicle in parking lot.**



**PHOTO #2**

**DESCRIPTION: Colin Scott's Vehicle in parking lot.**



**PHOTO #3**

**DESCRIPTION: Warning signs leading to and from the incident area.**



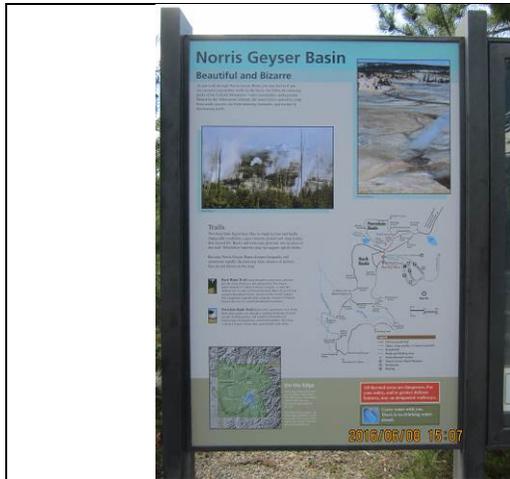
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**PHOTO #5**

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**PHOTO #6**

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**PHOTO #7**

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**PHOTO #10**

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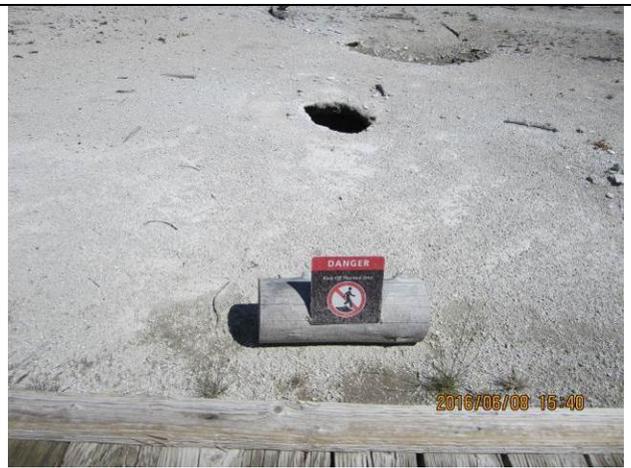
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**PHOTO #15**

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**PHOTO #18**

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**PHOTO #19**

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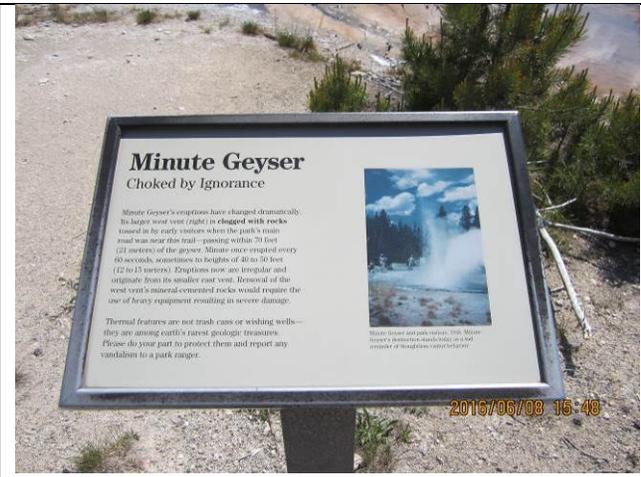
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**PHOTO #23**  
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**PHOTO #25**

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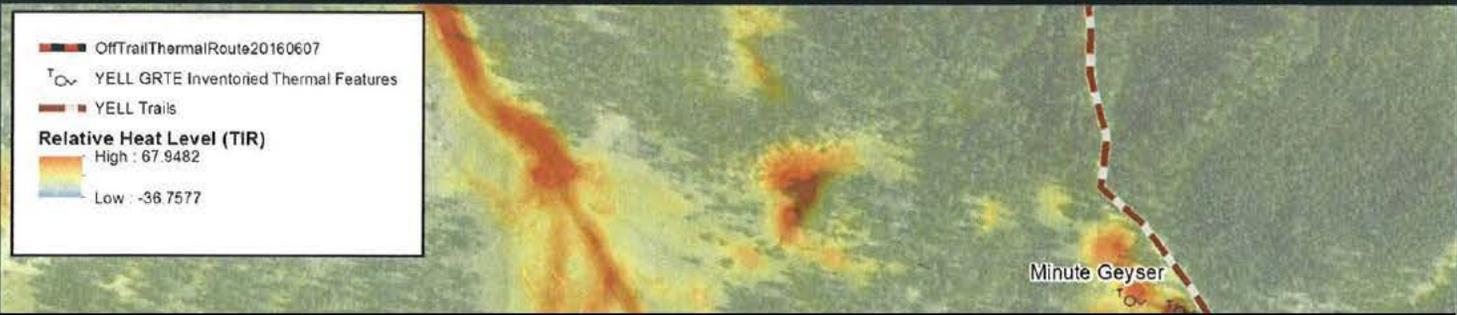
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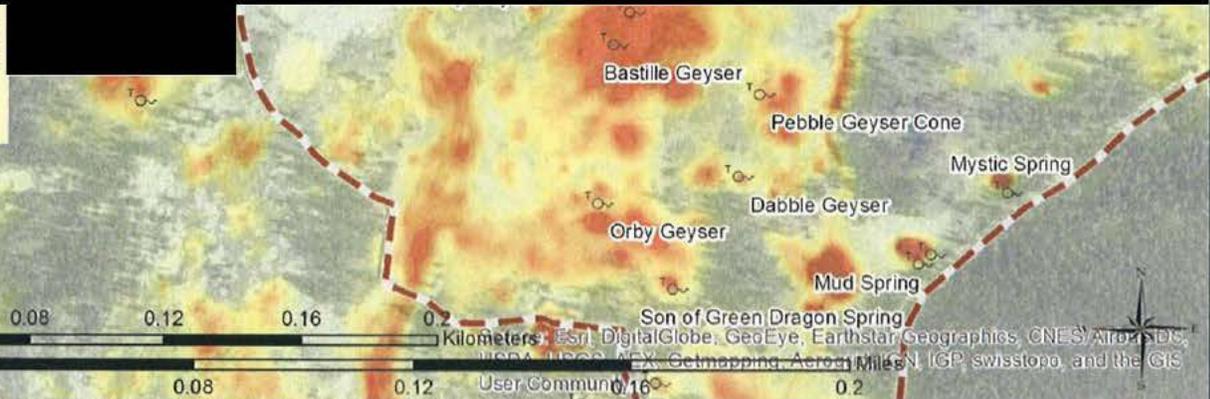
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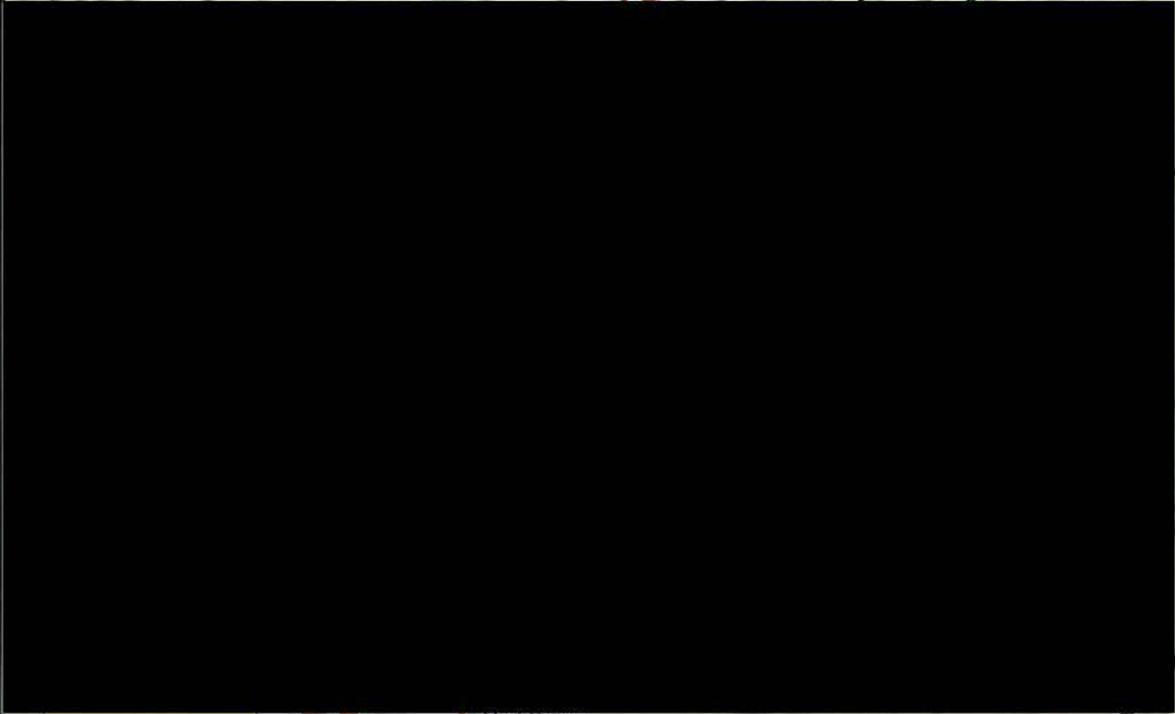
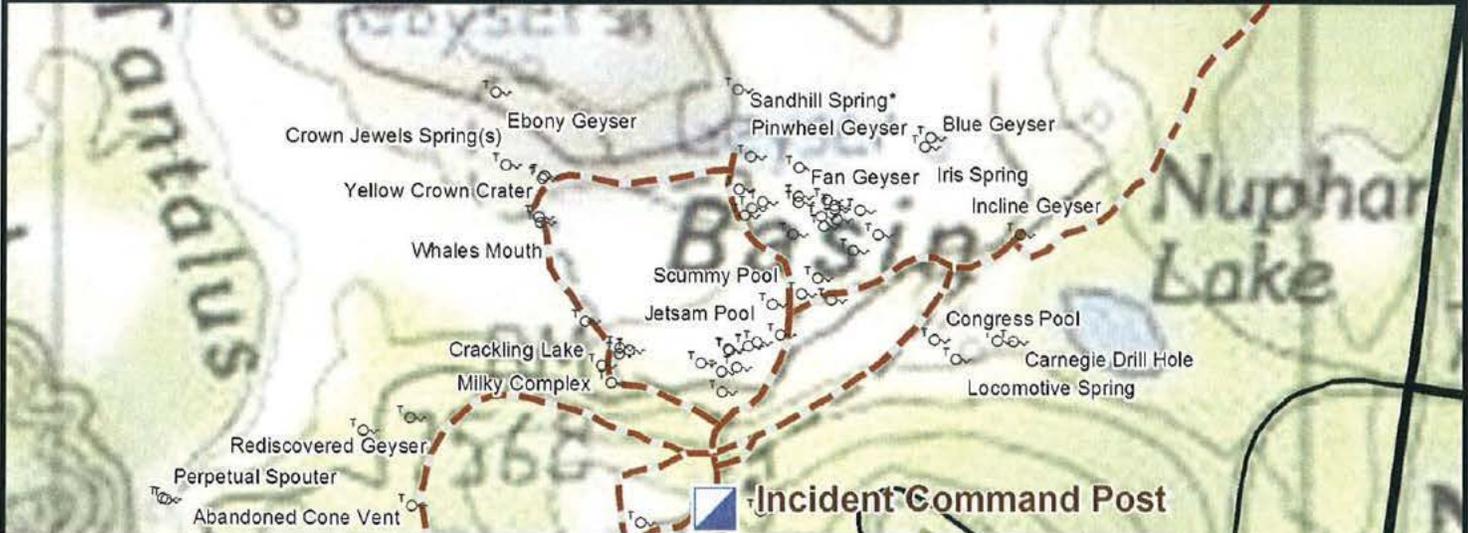
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### Statement Form:

In your own words describe the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, & HOW.

I give permission to the yellowstone park serviceman to access video of the incident which happened souly for the purpose of evidenece in the crim scene.

The passcode on phone IS [REDACTED]

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Passcode - [REDACTED]

Password - [REDACTED]

(Use Reverse Side if Needed)

I have read this statement and have been given the opportunity to make correction thereon. I attest that this statement is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and that I gave this statement freely and voluntarily, without coercion or reward.

Signed: Sable Scott

Date: 6-7-16

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

SHADED AREA TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFICER

Name: <u>Sable Ashleigh Scott</u>		Resident Address: [REDACTED]	
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]	<u>21 yrs</u>	OLN Number/State: [REDACTED]	
SSN: [REDACTED]		Number of Pages: _____ Page _____ of _____ Pages	
Local address: _____		If residence in park, employer: _____	

Statement given to (Ranger): <u>C. Russell</u>	Date/Time: <u>6/7/16</u>	Case Number: <u>NP16070606</u>
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**Statement Form:**



I was given back my phone on June 8, 2016  
at 9:00 AM with no damage done to it.  
Doble Scott 6-8-16

I have read this statement and have been given the opportunity to make correction thereon. I attest that this statement is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and that I gave this statement freely and voluntarily, without coercion or reward.

Signed: Doble Scott

Date: 6-8-16

Time: 9:00AM



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IN REPLY REFER TO

NP16070606

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, while on duty as a United States Park Ranger in the exclusive jurisdictional boundaries of Yellowstone National Park, I, U.S. Park Ranger C. Russell, was called out to Norris Geyser Basin for an individual that reportedly fell into a geyser.

I arrived on scene to find U.S. Park Ranger P. SWEEN talking with a young woman on the edge of the boardwalk near Monarch Geyser. I also saw U.S. Park Ranger J. Korhut, who assumed the Incident Command position, directing two rangers to enter the area on a hasty search. A second team was soon assembled and deployed by Ranger Korhut as resources arrived. I began to assemble a recovery team while waiting for the hasty team to report back on a location.

The female was identified as Sable Ashleigh Scott who stated in general that her brother had slipped into a geyser and needed help. (See P. Sween's report) Sable Scott also gave a description of the male as well as the approximate location of where the two last saw each other. In general, Sable Scott said the pool would have her brother's flip flops next to the edge and pointed to the area rangers needed to go. Sable identified her brother as Colin Nathaniel Scott, [REDACTED] who currently lived in Portland OR. Sable Scott made a statement saying she had a video of the moments just prior to Colin Scott's disappearance. This statement was not made to be and I was informed about it later.

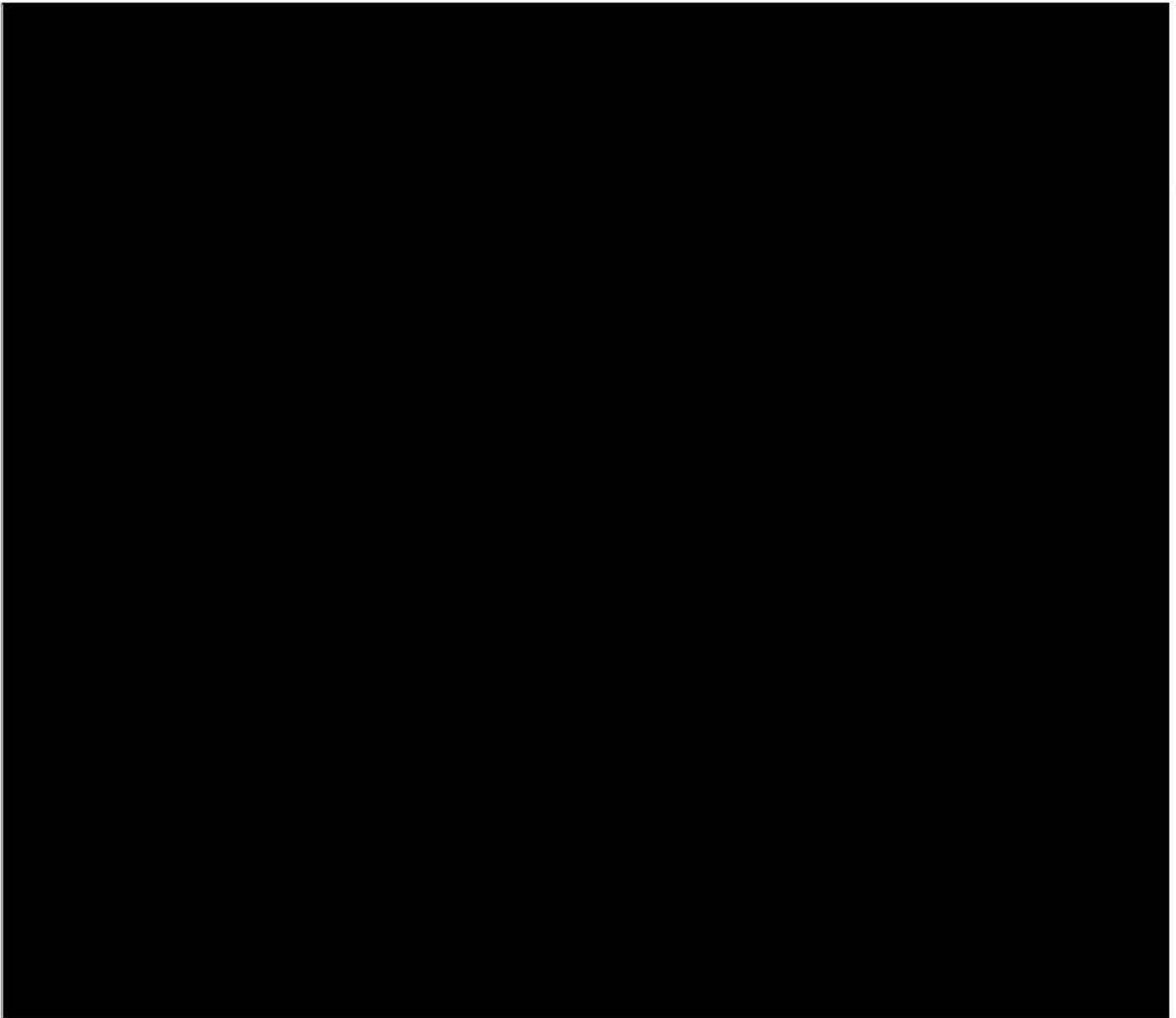
Sable Scott was escorted away from the scene by Ranger Sween and taken to the Norris Ranger Museum where she was provided with a family/witness advocate. Advocate Krystal Mccurdy became the main contact with Sable and the rest of the family for the remainder of the incident.

One of the hasty teams found the thermal feature in question and was unable to see any remains present in the body of water. Given the dangerous geological make-up of the area, and the lack of emergent necessity, all teams were extracted from the area and regrouped in the Norris Geyser Basin Ranger Station in order to formulate a better plan of action.

Ranger Korhut placed me in charge of investigations on the incident. When I learned of the statement Sable made in regards to the video, I left the geyser basin to meet with Sable at the Norris Ranger Museum. I delegated responsibility of investigating the physical scene to U.S. Park Ranger G. Brecht once a plan was in place for re-entry to the area.

I contacted Sable Scott at the Norris Ranger Station at approximately 1700 hours on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. I asked her if she had a video leading up to the incident. Sable Scott told me in general she did have a video that she had not watched yet. She was not sure what was on it either. I asked Sable Scott permission to watch the video and she gave both verbal and written consent. Sable requested to step out while I watched the video because she did not want to know what was on it.

With Sable Scott's permission, I held onto her iPhone and watched the video she had recorded. This was witnessed by Ranger Sween as well as Ranger C. Rawlings. The video is as follows, transcribed by me;



After viewing the video on the phone, I explained to Sable Scott that I needed to get a copy of the video from her phone and asked her if she would allow me to do so. I explained this meant I would be keeping her phone for the evening and would return it to her at the earliest available time. Sable Scott gave written and verbal permission for me to do so. See witness statement. I informed Sable Scott that she may not want to view the video and I asked her if when I extract a copy from her phone, would she prefer me to delete it. Sable Scott told me in general, I may never watch it, but I want to keep it. I collected the phone and the written statement; I told Sable Scott that I would be in touch with her the next day in order to return her phone.

Sable Scott informed me of a vehicle in the parking lot of Norris Geyser Basin that belonged to her brother. The vehicle was a Silver Nissan Frontier [REDACTED] Sable Scott asked if she could retrieve her belongings from the vehicle on the way out. I met up with her at the vehicle approximately 30 minutes later in the Norris parking lot. Sable Scott was able to find a hidden key in order to open the

vehicle. I witnessed her grab a backpack from the vehicle and Sable Scott gave me the key. Sable Scott remained in the company of Krystal Mccurdy the rest of the evening and overnight in the Lake District area.

I returned to Norris Geyser Basin to check in on the recovery efforts as well as the physical investigation. I checked in with Range Korhut to find that due to weather and time, no attempt to recover Colin Scott's remains would take place that evening. A technical rescue team, led by U.S. Park Ranger P. Strehle was able to locate the thermal feature and photograph the area. During the time Ranger Strehle had been at the location, the suspected remains of Colin Scott had floated to the surface. See June 7<sup>th</sup> photos. The photos taken Ranger Strehle took clearly show flip flops that match the final sweeping scene of the video provided by Sable Scott. The photos show the remains are wearing a grey t-shirt similar to that of what Colin Scott was wearing in the video.

All recovery efforts were ceased for June 7<sup>th</sup> by the command staff of the incident.

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 0800 hours, all recovery personnel reassembled at Norris Geyser Basing. After the initial briefing, I separated from the recovery team to meet with Sable Scott in order to return the phone. I met with Sable Scott at the entrance of the Norris Geyser Basin, along with Krystal Mccurdy, and discussed the return of the phone. Sable Scott asked me if she would be in trouble for her violation of leaving the boardwalk. I told Sable Scott that my job, when dealing with violations, is to apply the lowest level of force necessary to gain full compliance. I than told her I think the loss of a loved one is more than enough. I told Sable Scott to travel safe. Sable Scott was escorted by Krystal Mccurdy to Mammoth Hot Springs for further transportation to her home. Krystal Mccurdy informed me that Sable Scotts father would be flying in that day and wanted to pick up the vehicle and drive it back. I was also told her father wanted to speak with me if available. I explained to Krystal Mccurdy that I would be happy to speak with him but I would not be able to provide any details other than what was provided in the press release. Krystal Mccurdy told me she would pass on the information.

I returned to the Norris Geyser Basin to find that the technical rescue team was on scene and no visible remains were present. U.S. Park Ranger J. Pike, a member of the rescue team, collected a black wallet from the thermal feature, one very melted flip flop from the thermal feature, and one flip flop recovered from the thermal features edge. The items clearly resembled the ones from all other accounts. The wallet contained one black I.D. insert; Oregon fishing license; 1 OR driver's license issued to Colin N. SCOTT; 1 OR concealed carry weapons issued to Colin N. SCOTT; 1 Fred Meyer rewards card issued to Colin N. SCOTT; 1 Washington County library card issued to Colin N. SCOTT; 1 Allcare health care card issued to Colin N. SCOTT; 1 Dutch Brothers card; 1 Pacific University of OR bank card issued to Colin N. SCOTT, 1 CPR/AED card issued to Colin N. SCOTT; Oregon hunting license. Ranger Pike collected the evidence and passed off the items to me at 1312 hours on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 on the boardwalk near the extraction point of the rescue team. See supplemental report.

I was later informed that all recovery efforts had ceased due to lack of physical remains. It was explained to me that due to the acidity of the water in the thermal feature, as well as the extremely high temperature of the thermal feature, the remains most likely dissolved overnight. I attended the closing brief for the incident and cleared the area in order to process evidence. I left the key to Colin Scott's vehicle in the Norris Geyser Basin ranger office so that Krystal Mccurdy could have access to it when

Colin's father arrived. The vehicle was recovered without incident and not in my presence. I was also told Colin Scott's father no longer wanted to meet with me.

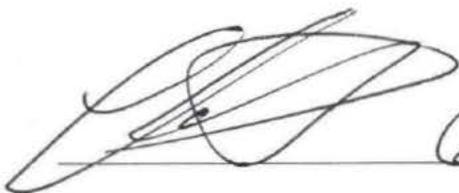
End of report.

Report By

United States Park Ranger

Federal Law Enforcement Officer #1705

C. Russell



6/13/16

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Witnessed by Yellowstone National Park Deputy Coroner  
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### Witness Statement

Written 06/10/2016, by Doug Madsen, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Yellowstone National Park

#### On the evening of 06/07/2016

Phil Strehle, Carrie Guiles, Rick (Last Name?), and myself hiked from the Norris Geyser Basin Museum to the thermal feature where the young man was reported to have slipped into the feature. The purpose of the trip was to form a plan of action to access the feature safely, assemble a list of equipment/tools needed to do so, return for equipment, and commence a search and possible recovery. I had emptied my pack of most SAR equipment in order to carry water bottles that could be used for washing and cooling hot mud in the event any in our party broke through a crust layer and got burned. Phil is the lead for the park's technical rescue team, and I have been a member since approximately 2000, as well as a member of the park's structural fire department since 1998. Carrie Guiles was our guide across the geyser basin once we left the boardwalk. Rick had been to the site previously and knew where we were headed. Carrie used trekking poles to probe the route. We all walked slowly and deliberately. We spaced ourselves about 10 feet apart as we walked. We had to cross a few shallow thermal streams to get to the site. I used surveyor's flagging to mark the route for our return. While at the museum, we waited for passing thunderstorms to pass before being given permission to start our hike. On the way to the site, more storms were building with lightning occurring in the distance. When we got to the site we had time to slowly work around the thermal pool and observed that a body was visible near the southern edge of the pool. Phil reported the sighting via radio to command. I took photos with my government cell phone from the south around the west side and northwest of the pool. It then began to rain and hail and we took cover under the small trees nearby until the storm passed. At that time Phil and I felt that, with it being close to dark, and by the time we could gather equipment, it would be a nighttime operation to recover the body. In that situation, and working that close to a dangerous pool we decided we should wait until daylight to attempt a recovery. I took GPS coordinates from near the pool using my phone and recorded them to be

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Carrie mentioned a crucifix was visible around the neck, I looked to see if I could see it, but did not see one. A dark grey shirt was visible and appeared to be a tee shirt. A sandal was on the southeastern bank of the pool. Gas bubbles were present in the pool and it appeared to be boiling. The water was gray in color and you could not see through it to any depth.

[REDACTED]

The pool had steep banks that appeared to be damp

clay. Due to the steepness of the bank, the lack of any tools, and dangerous terrain, an attempt to recover the body at that time was not made.

Wednesday 06/08/2016

Arrived at the site (not sure of time), a body was not visible on surface: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] we constructed a platform using 3 roof ladders and a sheet of 3/4" plywood. This temporary platform allowed us safely access to the pool edge. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On this day a sandal was still on the bank, and another sandal was in the water along with a billfold (black). I used a grabber tool (like a long-handled litter picker upper) to remove the sandal from the bank, another sandal from the pool, and a billfold from the pool. I used a 15' pike pole to probe the pool for any objects. I did not feel anything in the pool. None of the tools I was using seemed to touch anything but bottom and sides of the pool. I did not feel anything that felt like bone, flesh, or clothing. The hooked end of the pole came out of the water clean every time I inspected it. I was able to determine the extents of the pool bottom which at the deepest point seemed to be about 15' deep on the closest bank (southeast). Most of the pool bottom was in my estimate about 10 feet deep. A shallow shelf was located on the northeast side of the pool, approximately 2-3 feet in depth. Most of the rest of the pool seemed to be about 10 feet in depth. Sides of the pool were nearly vertical with rounding on the bottom. The side closest to the platform I was working from had a slight undercut of about 4-6 inches at most. Water level of the pool would change by at least 8-10 inches and bubbling would increase and decrease in intervals throughout the operation. I pulled some bottom sediment to the surface using the grabber tool; it all appeared to be gray gravel without any other debris present. I was told by Phil that I had been probing for about 45 minutes and to continue for a bit more. At some point during the probing, I used a thermometer from Carrie Guiles to determine the water temperature of the pool. The thermometer showed the air temperature near the pool edge to be 30°C, and the pool at about 10' depth to be 100°C. The thermometer only read to 100°C, and the thermometer appeared to be pegged at the very top. After about ten or so more minutes we stopped probing. No foul odors were evident to me, other than the natural smells of a thermal feature. Steam was coming off the pool which fogged my eye glasses a few times though did not hamper the search effort. At some point Phil said that he felt that I could stop searching the pool. We reviewed what we had done, discussed if there was anything more that we could do, discussed how our search methods were completed and what we might do differently in the future. All felt that the search on Wednesday was successful to the extent that it could be.

Signed by:

  
Doug Madsen

Date:

6/13/16

Witnessed by: Colette Daigle-Berg  
Yellowstone National Park Deputy Coroner  
Colette Daigle-Berg 6/13/16

On Tuesday June 7, 2016, I, Krystal McCurdy, was contacted by West district Ranger Tara Ross to respond as a family liaison to the Norris Geyser Basin incident. I arrived on scene at 1630. I was briefed by IC. I then traveled to the Ranger Museum where the sister of the deceased, Sable Scott, was being cared for by NPS Rangers. Upon meeting the sister of the deceased I noticed she had visible injuries. After talking for a while I escorted her to the restroom and provided food. I checked to make sure first aid had been given to her. She was visibly upset and requested someone stay with her through the night until family or friends could reach her.

At this time I contacted Lake patrol to check on available lodging for the night. After we had a solid plan I transported her to the Canyon ranger station where US Park Ranger Russel obtained Sable's cell phone. After the phone was transferred I transported her to the Lake government housing area. I set up the apartment 709 E with my personal bedding, food, and shower items. I checked to see if she needed further medical attention. Throughout the night she used my personal cell phone for calls to family and friends. She talked about the accident and I continually monitored her condition.



We discussed a plan for her to leave the park. She wanted to get home to

It was decided they would drive to Mammoth the next day and we would rendezvous with them. During the night I attempted to keep the family informed on search efforts. I informed Sable that due to the weather, we would likely not be able to recover Collin's body that night.

She requested I remain with her because she feared nightmares and was having trouble not picturing the accident. I remained with her until around 0100 hrs. At this time she felt ok enough for me to leave for a few hours. I arrived back at 709 E at 0640hrs on Wednesday June 8, 2016.

After I ensured she ate breakfast and drank some water we called her family and I talked with her father who had been previously informed by Ranger Sween. After the call we left lake. We met Ranger Russel at Norris so he could transfer her cell phone back into her custody. She received the phone in proper working order. At this time I was updated that rangers had observed the body of the deceased in the thermal feature sometime in the night or early morning. I also learned they had made plans to recover the body that day. I informed her of this and we continued driving to Mammoth. Once we arrived in Mammoth met us

in the VC parking lot. I ensured she had an opportunity to refuse her name in the park news release. At 1053 Sable was transferred into his care and she left the park.

After my contact with the sister ended I began working on a meeting place for the Father of the deceased, [REDACTED] to meet me in Mammoth. I called the Norris IC to ensure the spare key would start the vehicle of the deceased. During this time I informed Sable and [REDACTED] that unfortunately recovery efforts had ceased. I explained that even though Rangers used multiple tools and technologies, due to the high temperature and acidity of the feature, we now believed there is no longer an intact body to recover. I expressed my sincerest condolences and while being tactful and compassionate, tried to help him understand why we could not recover any part of his sons body.

We established a plan where I met him at the VC. He arrived just after 1600hrs. We met with Park county coroner Colette Daigle-Burg in the conference room of the Chief Rangers Office.

During this meeting I attempted to answer additional questions the family had. They are interested in viewing the official report from the investigation. They are also concerned with obtaining a death certificate without his body. I gave the father a copy of the news release from Yellowstone.

After the meeting concluded at around 1700 hrs, I escorted the Father along with another sibling of the deceased to Norris. I assisted the coroner in quickly inventorying the vehicle of the deceased. Once this was complete I offered my assistance to the Father in finding clergy, and other support options. Before he left I explained I would still serve as a point of contact between his family and Yellowstone.

Since Wednesday I have remained in contact with the family to ensure remaining questions are answered.



# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Yellowstone National Park  
PO Box 168  
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190

June 9, 2016

RE: NP16070606 Norris Geyser Basin Fatality

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Upon viewing photos and video of the reported individual who had fallen into the thermal feature, Colin N. Scott, along with the thermal feature being the last seen location, I concluded the located body to be that of Colin N. Scott. The V-neck style shirt on the body matched the photos and videos I observed.

On 06/08/2016, I returned to the area with additional personnel in attempt to recover the body. Upon arrival, the body was not present where it had been the previous evening. There were no indications the body had been removed by another human or animal due to the lack of any drag marks or other indications. Multiple attempts were made to search the thermal feature with no signs of the body present, intact or otherwise. After consultation with thermal feature experts, it was conclude the body had decomposed in the thermal feature.

Phil Strehle  
US Park Ranger  
Commission #1391  
Yellowstone National Park, WY

## General Report

U.S. Department of the Interior , National Park Service

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Incident: **NP16070606 SAR (Search and Rescue) @06/07/2016 14:29**

Author: #1391 STREHLE, P.

Report time: 06/08/2016 19:20

Entered by: #1391 STREHLE, P.

Entered time: 06/08/2016 19:20

### Remarks:

NP16070606 Supplemental Report

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CFS YELLY06072016-64 – Colin SCOTT SAR

Approximately 1420 hours- I responded to a radio call for medical emergency at Norris Geyser Basin involving a single patient who had fallen into a thermal area. I responded down the geyser basin trail with EMS and oxygen kit to the Pork Chop Geyser area. I met with Incident Commander Ranger Korhut who was already on scene. At Korhut's direction, I continued interviewing Sable SCOTT, (the reporting party). Sable SCOTT, (age 21), reported that she and her older brother, Colin SCOTT, (age 23), described by Sable as 5'10 tall, 150 pounds, and skinny, wearing cut-off jeans and a gray tee shirt, were hiking off of the boardwalk and that Colin fell into a hot spring and did not get out. Sable pointed in the west direction, and to the footprints west of the Pork Chop thermal area boardwalk, where she stated that she had walked back to report the accident. Sable stated that after she left the area where Colin fell in, she had gotten directionally turned around, and was now not sure where the exact location was. Sable said she had taken a different route back than she and Colin had originally traveled. Sable stated that there were no other visitors or witnesses at the location where Colin fell in the pool which she described as only 4 to 5 feet across.

Sable SCOTT said she lives [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sable stated that her brother Colin has been residing in Portland, Oregon, and that he had just graduated college. Sable said Colin had come to visit her [REDACTED] and that they were on a day trip to Yellowstone. Their plans were to spend the night outside of the park, and they did not have reservations or plans to stay the night in Yellowstone Park. Sable stated that she and her brother were the only one's traveling in their party, and that Colin had driven them in his truck, which was parked in the Norris Geyser basin parking area.

Sable provided her cell phone number as [REDACTED]. She knew her brother's, (Colin's), cell phone number which she stated was [REDACTED]. Sable did not know her address [REDACTED]. Sable provided her Father's cell phone number as [REDACTED].

At Ranger Korhut's direction at about 1530 hours, I asked Sable to accompany me to the Geyser basin parking area where I had her sit in my patrol vehicle and had Ranger Romanchuk attend to a minor injury. I advised Sable that a Family Liaison ranger was responding to offer support. Sable stated that she understood that her brother Colin was likely not going to be found alive. Sable expressed an interest in getting to an area where she could have phone access. At approximately 1540 hours, I drove Sable to the Norris Ranger Museum, and assisted her to use the land-line telephone.

Sable called and spoke with her Father [REDACTED] at approximately 1600 hours. I also spoke with [REDACTED] at that time and gave him what information I could. I recontacted [REDACTED] by phone at approximately 1700 hours. Family Liaison and Victim Assistance Rangers Tara Ross and Krystal McCurdy met with Sable at Norris Ranger Museum at approximately 1730 pm and began making arrangements for Sable to have a place to stay for the night with a Family Liaison Ranger.

Ranger Christopher Russell met with Sable and I at approximately 1745 hours. Sable told Ranger Russell and I that she had cell phone video footage of Colin falling into the thermal pool that she was willing to

share with us. Ranger Russell and Sable and I relocated to the Norris Ranger Station. Ranger Russell asked Sable for permission to download the video recording as evidence, and Sable stated that she gave her permission to letting Russell download the recording. I provided Sable with a statement form for her to document her permission for downloading her video recording. Sable completed the form in front of me at the Norris Ranger Station.

At approximately 1815 hours, Sable left the Norris Ranger Station with Family Liaison McCurdy enroute to Lake Ranger housing area, where they had accommodations for the night. McCurdy stated that she will stay the night with Sable and work on further arrangements tomorrow. I called [REDACTED] again at 1820 hours.

I called [REDACTED] at 2110 hours tonight with no additional information for him. I agreed to contact him tomorrow morning with an update a 0900 hours. [REDACTED] requests an update as soon as his son's body is recovered. [REDACTED] is making arrangements for travel to Yellowstone from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Ranger Pieter Sween  
Madison Ranger Station  
06-07-2016 - 2142 hours



Lee, Rick &lt;rick\_lee@nps.gov&gt;

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## Write-up of incident

2 messages

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**Suderman, Brian** <brian\_suderman@nps.gov>

Mon, Jun 13, 2016 at 4:51 PM

To: Rick Lee &lt;rick\_lee@nps.gov&gt;

Rick

Will you please write a detailed narrative of your part in the incident last week? Try to include times, how it came about that you were asked to go in with George initially, when was the second time, what exactly were your instructions, who was present on the boardwalk when, what were your conversations with Jessica, etc. If you can do it by mid morning tomorrow, send it just to me. but if you don't have time until after that, send it to Judy Knuth Folts and me.

This is really standard procedure that I should have asked you to do earlier. Thanks.

Brian Suderman  
North District Resource Education Ranger  
Yellowstone National Park  
307-344-2255

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**Lee, Rick** <rick\_lee@nps.gov>

Tue, Jun 14, 2016 at 4:45 PM

To: "Suderman, Brian" &lt;brian\_suderman@nps.gov&gt;

Narrative on my involvement with incident on June 7, 2016 - Rick Lee

About 3 pm on June 7th I was in the office when Ranger Sue Florin came in and informed me of an emergency that a visitor had gone off trail in the Back Basin, Norris Geyser Basin and had fallen into a thermal feature. I grabbed the portable AED and a trauma kit. Sue grabbed cold water bottles and some gauze bandages. We both went out with our medical equipment to the boardwalk near Vixen Geyser. where Ranger Rosa Prasser was with a younger women. The information was then conveyed to me was that a man had walked off trail into the geyser basin and had some how fallen into a hydrothermal feature. I decided to walk down to Porkchop Geyser on the boardwalk to see if I could get a better view and maybe see the individual that was reported to have gone off trail. Shortly after a women and man both in uniform (ranger) showed up at my location on the boardwalk. The women ask me if I had been off -trail in the geyser basin and I informed her that I had. ( I had been out in that area off-trail several times with permitted research groups over the years and knew safer routes to take to access the area to search for the missing individual). The women ranger ( who I later found out was the incident commander) then informed me that I would go out with the male ranger on scene to look for the missing individual. The women ranger also told me to leave my backpack behind. I had to leave my backpack on the boardwalk which had my water bottle, rain gear, and another first aid kit in it. I stated several times to the women ranger that when the helicopter got on scene to have it help us by searching the area from the air for the missing individual. The other male ranger later identified as "George" with his rescue equipment and myself with my AED and Trauma kit then headed off trail into that geyser basin location to search for the missing individual. No other incident information was told or conveyed to me at that time other than the general area where the individual had gone off trail into the geyser basin. I instructed George on the safest way for us to proceed. I also told him to grab a large stick and pound the ground in front of us as we walked to feel for shallow or hollow ground. He did that very carefully. We stayed on the base on the side of the hills for safety, searched safely one hot spring on the way in and found nothing there. We then worked our way between a couple of small hills. We were both calling out loudly hoping the lost or injured individual would hear us and respond. Between two hills I noticed a small amount of rising steam. I walked toward it and found a small hot spring maybe 5 ft wide by 9 or 10 ft long. In the hot spring I saw one sandal and and something else floating that later was identified to be a wallet. There was a second sandal on the bank close to the water. I called to George who was close behind me. We did not see a person or body or human remains in the hot spring or around it. We decided to search the surrounding area in close proximity safely to see if we could find any sign of the missing individual. At that time I am looking for a live person. When on a search like this you NEVER assume that the person is deceased or in the hot spring. I wanted do everything I could to find him hopefully alive. I have extensive Search and Rescue experience and training working as a backcountry ranger in Alaska and other national parks. I am also a certified Whitewater Rescue Technician. I wanted to safely and carefully check the hot spring. If we found a body or human remains in the hot spring we would know not to continue searching for the missing individual and possibly subjecting other search personnel to the very hazardous conditions associated with an area like that. If we did not find any human remains then we could continue the search accordingly. I looked at the hot spring from a safe distance to determine a safe place (if any) to do it. There was a vegetated solid stable area above the hot spring. The area was at the end of the

hot spring but not to close and the ground was completely dry. George hooked me up with rope and harness and a PFD. I found a dead sturdy tree that I estimate to be at least 12 feet long because. I was not going to get too close to the hot spring. George maintained and provided extreme tension on the rope/harness. I dredged with the long tree and felt something heavy but was not able to bring anything up to the surface. I tried one last time. Again I felt something heavy and it felt like it moved but nothing came to the surface. I moved back, George unhooked me from the rope and harness system. At no time did I feel in danger due to all the precautions we had taken. (I had been on previous trips with research geologists at some of the hot spring back in that area and saw them walk right up the edge of some of those hot springs- something I would never do.) I think George and I were discussing how to expand the search area. when George got a call on his radio from the incident command person telling him/us to leave the scene and hike out. We were shocked. All my previous training and experience on searches were that you do not leave the scene of an incident during an investigation. We had found the scene of the incident. We had already made it safely to a hazardous search area. We both knew the terrain. George said to me, Rick why don't you call on the radio and make sure they really want us to come out. I radioed incident command to make sure- and it was confirmed we were to leave the scene and hike out. Other notes relevant to the situation; While George and myself were out there three other rangers were sent out. I do not know what route they used to get out to our location and how the person that instructed them to do so knew the way was safe. The other three rangers returned with us. When we got back to the boardwalk location at Porkchop Geyser where George and myself had departed from, nobody was stationed at the boardwalk. My backpack- that I was told to take off and leave was still sitting there on the boardwalk along with an NPS rain jacket totally unattended.

When I got back to the Norris Geyser Basin Museum I was asked to go out with a second party of four people. That group would be heading out later that same day. It was decided that the party would follow a different route - the old park road route and flag it for others to follow later..Just before we left for the second trip out the names of the people selected to go (other than myself) were announced. George who had been out there with me, knew the area was not on the list to go back out. I ask who the incident commander was to try and see if George could be assigned to the second team/group. The incident commander called George over and I ask her if George could go with us since we had worked together on the first search and because he knew the area and could help find the physical location again. The incident commander never ask us any questions about what we did in the field the first time and then proceeded in an accusatory tone to say why we were poking around in the thermal feature with a stick! I then said to her how many other people have to go back out there until somebody else goes in. She then said to me "You Go. He Stays"- meaning George stays behind. Our group going out got a late start because of hail and lightning storm activity. When we eventually got to scene of the incident I was the first to notice that a human body was floating on the surface of the hot spring. We got pinned down in a hail and lightning storm while on scene but made it back to the Norris Geyser Basin Museum not long before dark that same day.

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Around 2:30 in the afternoon I made my way up to the breezeway from the Porcelain Basin and was talking to Sue about the storm moving in when a man approached us informing us that there was a young lady running from the back basin saying that her brother had fallen into a hot spring. Before I could go look for her he pointed her out in the crowd. She was running up the path from the direction of Steamboat Geyser. I called to her and she came up to me telling me that her brother had fallen into a hot spring in the back basin. I got on the radio calling 700 with emergency traffic and walked the young lady over to the desk with Sue so she could point out the location of the incident. While at the desk she informed us that they had left the boardwalk around Pork Chop Geyser. I then asked Sue to go into the office, get Rick, and bring the first aid and the AED down to Pork Chop. I asked Maggie to stay at the desk and direct medical personnel to the back basin when they get here. Then I proceeded down to the back basin with the young lady while informing 700 of our location, the age of the subject, and what he was wearing.

On our way down to the back basin Sable told me that her brother was reaching down to check the temperature of a hot spring when he slipped and fell into the pool. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She informed me that the only thing in the pool that she could see was his wallet. It was at this time that I noticed an abrasion on Sable's leg from a fall. She did not seem to have any burns on her that I noticed. As we arrived at Vixen Geyser Sable stopped and pointed west across the basin and told me that the pool was located in the trees. I informed her that we had to stay on the boardwalk until other rangers came.

Alexie joined us at this time as she was roving the back basin. She asked me what was happening as she could not make out the radio traffic. I filled her in on the details and asked her to go close the boardwalk to the back basin.

Sable took a seat on the boardwalk at Vixen and I joined her asking her name and her brother's name. I asked her where she was visiting from and she told me [REDACTED] and that her brother was visiting from Oregon. It was at this time that Rick and Sue came down with the first aid and AED. Rick asked the location and we pointed it out to him and informed him that they left the boardwalk at Pork Chop Geyser. Rick headed down to Pork Chop and we stayed at Vixen until Jessica showed up and then we all followed her down to Pork Chop.

At this time more emergency personnel showed up and were yelling to the other visitors on the boardwalk to "go back!" Sue and I decided to walk separate directions down the boardwalk to inform the visitors that the boardwalk was closed and that they needed to go back the way they came. I took a post at the junction north of Vixen Geyser and stood there until I realized that there was no visitor traffic coming into the back basin.

After a ranger walked Sable out of the area I walked over to the rangers waiting near Pork Chop Geyser and asked if they needed my help in any other way. They informed me that they didn't and I told them that I needed to check on the rangers I had left up at the desk.

I made my way back up to the visitor center and met Alexie at the Porcelain Basin intersection. She informed me that the whole area had been cleared out by law enforcement. I suggested that we close the trail from the campground as we were still getting some people coming in that way.

When I came to the visitor center I met up with Meggie at the trail to Steamboat Geyser and Sue coming up the trail from Steamboat Geyser. Maggie filled me in on what was going on at that time and I suggested that we call Brian to let him know what happened and for directions on what to do next.

After I made the call Brian arrived in the basin and from there we waited for direction from emergency personnel.

After checking in with incident command we were instructed to go home for the rest of the night.

*Statement e-mailed from Rosa Prasser - Norm's Interpretive Ranger*

11/30/2004



# EVIDENCE REPORT

## Yellowstone National Park



Case #: NP16070606	Reporting Officer: C. Russell
Subject Name(s): Scott, Colin N.	
Incident: Fatality	Location: Norris Geyser Basin

1 ITEM PER SHEET

Item #	Quantity	Specific Location Collected	Description of Evidence
1	1	Canyon Evidence Locker E	Items #1, #2, #3, #4 (remaining items found on scene)

### Chain of Custody

ORIGINAL SIGNATURE REQUIRED FOR EACH ENTRY

Date	Time	Custody Assumed by	Reason/Storage Location
6/8/16	unknown	J Pike	Collected from site
6/8/16	1312	C. Russell	Taken from Pike for processing
6/8/16	unknown	Evidence Custodian	<b>Evidence locker E</b>
6/13/16	1547	Colette Daigle-Berg <i>CDB</i>	Return to Family

I have witnessed the destruction of the items described above as described below:

Method: RETURNED TO Family via Dep coroner CDB

Date: 6-13-16 Time: 1547 Witnessed by: AMT #1019 Witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_

BUREAU OR OFFICE

RECEIPT FOR PROPERTY

NUMBER		DESCRIPTION (INCLUDE SERIAL NUMBERS, MODEL, ETC.)	QUANTITY	UNIT OF ISSUE	COST
ITEM	PROPERTY				
1					
2		Vehicle Registration	1		
3		Sun Glasses	1		
4		Gerber Knife	1		
5		Bushnell Bino. Travel size	1		
6		Duracell Flashlight	1		
7		Misc. Camp food			
8		Coleman stove	1		
9		Black sleeping Bag	1		
10		Blue sleeping Bag	1		
11		Blue camp pad	1		
12		Small camp chair	1		
13		3 Boxes Misc. Ammo	3 Boxes		
14		1 Magazine with 8" 40cal rounds	1		
15		1 outdoor products <sup>water</sup> pack	1		
16		Transport Blue Backpack <sup>MISC</sup> <sub>FEET</sub>	1		
17		Cash: 5' 20 <sup>in backpack</sup> Dollar Bills	5		
18		Clothing in transport backpack			
19					
20					

Issued By: (Name and Title) Collette Dudge Berg Dep. Coroner Date Issued: 6/8/16

It is understood that I am personally responsible for the property listed hereon and that if any of the property is lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed through my simple or ordinary neglect or negligence or gross negligence I can be held financially liable as determined by a Board of Survey.

Received By: (Name and Title) Parent Signature and Date: 06/08/16

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NUMBER		DESCRIPTION (INCLUDE SERIAL NUMBERS, MODEL, ETC.)	QUANTITY	UNIT OF ISSUE	COST
ITEM	PROPERTY				
1		Blue sweatshirt	1		
2		1 Carheart Jacket	1		
3		1 Coleman cooler	1		
4		1 Plastic Water Jug	1		
5		Propane small	1		
6		1 Sate Stack-On Brand	1		
7		1 leather holster Black	1		
8		Unknown <del>Items</del> Items in Sate			
9		A PRO X \$3 loose change			
10		1 Water bottle	1		
11					
12		Silver 2000 Nissan Frontier			
13		[REDACTED]			
14		[REDACTED]			
15		[REDACTED]			
16		w/ 1 single hide-a-key			
17		Items retained by Deputy Coroner			
18		① Composition Notebook			
19		② Personal Note on lined paper			
20		③ Yellowstone Receipt info packet			

Issued By: (Name and Title) *Dep. Coroner*  
*Collette Dugli-Bey*

Date Issued:  
*6/8/16*

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[REDACTED] - parent

Signature and Date:  
[REDACTED] *06/08/16*

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ITEM	PROPERTY				
1	1	Park Map w/ Attached entrance			
2		Receipt			
3					
4	1	Park Newspaper - Yellowstone Summer 2016			
5	1	Think Safety / Act Safely			
6		Newspaper Insert			
7					
8					
9					
10		Collected from Colin Scott's			
11		Vehicle @ Norris Geopark Basin			
12		Parking on 6/13/16 by Collette Berg			
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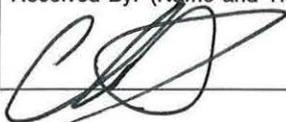
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Signature and Date:



C. Russell

6/13/16

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NUMBER		DESCRIPTION (INCLUDE SERIAL NUMBERS, MODEL, ETC.)	QUANTITY	UNIT OF ISSUE	COST
ITEM	PROPERTY				
1		Colin Scott property			
2	①	1 pair of black & orange flip flops			
3	②	1 Black wallet w/ black credit card insert			
4		Containing			
5		- Concealed Handgun license - Jackson Cty OR			
6		- Univ. of Oregon student ID			
7		- Washington County Library Card			
8		- All Care Health Card			
9		- American Red Cross CPR Card			
10		- Coffee card "Dutch Mafia"			
11		- OR 2016 Resident Recreational License			
12		- OR Hunting / Fishing (?) License			
13		↳ Too faded to absolutely determine			
14					
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17		6/17/16 by Colette Berg			
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19		For return to family - [REDACTED]			
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Issued By: (Name and Title) <i>Colette Daigle Berg - YNP Dept. Coronado</i>	Date Issued: <i>6/17/16</i>
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Saturday Delivery NOT available.

**FedEx 2Day**  
Second business afternoon.\* Thursday shipments  
will be delivered on Monday unless Saturday  
Delivery is selected.

**FedEx Express Saver**  
Third business day.\*  
Saturday Delivery NOT available.

**5 Packaging** \* Declared value limit \$500.

FedEx Envelope\*  FedEx Pak\*  FedEx Box  FedEx Tube  Other

**Special Handling and Delivery Signature Options** Fees may apply. See the FedEx Service Guide.

**Saturday Delivery**  
NOT available for FedEx Standard Overnight, FedEx 2Day A.M., or FedEx Express Saver.

**No Signature Required**  
Package may be left without  
obtaining a signature for delivery.

**Direct Signature**  
Someone at recipient's address  
must sign for delivery.

**Indirect Signature**  
If no one is available at recipient's  
address, someone at a neighboring  
address may sign for delivery. For  
residential deliveries only.

**Does this shipment contain dangerous goods?**

No  Yes As per attached Shipper's Declaration.  Yes Shipper's Declaration not required.  Dry Ice Dry Ice, 5, UN 1845 \_\_\_\_\_ y \_\_\_\_\_ kg

Restrictions apply for dangerous goods—see the current FedEx Service Guide.  Cargo Aircraft Only

**7 Payment Bill to:**

Enter FedEx Acct. No. or Credit Card No. below.  
 Sender Acct. No. in Section 7 will be billed.  Recipient  Third Party  Credit Card  Cash/Check  
FedEx Acct. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Total Packages 1 Total Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Total Declared Value\* \$ 10,00

\*Our liability is limited to US\$100 unless you declare a higher value. See back for details. By using this airbill you agree to the service conditions on the back of this airbill and in the current FedEx Service Guide, including terms that limit our liability.

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# Property disposal receipt

Incident #:

## Property disposed

Description	Tag #	Disposed on	Disposition	Reference	Remarks
Personal: Boots/shoes	P160-01852	10/12/2016 22:00	Returned to NOK		Returned to NOK by Park Coronor, CDB

1 Total property disposed

Date: 10/12/2016

Authorizing officer's signature:

Authorizing officer's name/badge: #1041 KORHUT, J.

Witness signature:

Witness name/badge: #1019 TAIT, A.

# Property disposal receipt

Incident #:

## Property disposed

Description	Tag #	Disposed on	Disposition	Reference	Remarks
Personal: Boots/shoes	P160-01851	10/12/2016 21:55	Returned to NOK		Returned to NOK by Park Coronor, CDB

1 Total property disposed

Date: 10/12/2016

Authorizing officer's signature:

Authorizing officer's name/badge: G. J. Hunt #1041 KORHUT

Witness signature:

Witness name/badge: A. M. Said #1019 TAIT, A.

# Property Check-in Receipt

U.S. Department of the Interior/National Park Service

Printed: 10/12/2016 22:26 by 1019

Incident #:

## Property checked in

Description	Tag #	Location	Check-in time:	Reference	Remarks
CD-ROM/DVD/floppy disk DVD-R	P160-01832	[NPS YELL CANYON RANGER STATION] EVIDENCE LOCKER DRAWER K	10/12/2016 22:25		

Returned  
from M.  
Ross  
YNP  
LEO  
Office

Date: 10/12/2016

Returning officer's signature: *J. Korhut* #1041  
Returning officer's name/badge: #1041 KORHUT, J.

Witness signature: *A. M. Tait* #1019  
Witness name/badge: #1019 TAIT, A.

When completed and signed, return to Exhibits Section.