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Fatality on South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park

Grand Canyon, AZ. – On Monday, October 6, at approximately 4:15 p.m., National Park Service Rangers responded to a 911 call. Witnesses reported seeing a man fall from the edge of the canyon at the first overlook on the Desert View Drive.

Upon arriving at the scene, rangers on the rim and in the park helicopter spotted the victim approximately 250 feet below the rim. Rescue personnel quickly hiked down to the man, but determined that he had died as a result of the fall.

An investigation was initiated both below the rim and with witnesses on the rim. At the same time, the man's body was prepared for transport and lifted out of the canyon by park helicopter using a long-line operation. The body was then transferred to the Coconino County Medical Examiner and transported to the Medical Examiner's office in Flagstaff, Arizona.

The victim's name is being withheld pending positive identification and notification of next-of-kin. The investigation into this incident is being conducted by the National Park Service.

For additional information regarding this incident, please contact the Grand Canyon Public Affairs Office at 928-638-7958.

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