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BODY OF MAN LOCATED BELOW THE RIM WITHIN GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Grand Canyon, Ariz. – The body of a man was located approximately 300 feet below the rim of the canyon this morning at approximately 9:00 a.m. The body was located below Mather Point, a popular overlook on the South Rim.

At approximately 4:15 this morning, the National Park Service received a call from mule wranglers who work for a park concessioner, stating they had seen a steady light below the rim as they were coming out of the canyon on the South Kaibab Trail. Park rangers responded and were guided by the wranglers to an area below Mather Point. After an initial search of the area, two search and rescue rangers rappelled over the edge and located the body of a man 300 feet below the rim.

The body was flown out early this morning by helicopter and will be transferred to the Coconino County Medical Examiners Office in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Tentative identification has been made on the victim, but release of the name is pending positive identification by the Medical Examiner and notification of next of kin.

It is unknown at this time if the light reported by the mule wranglers this morning is associated with this incident. Park rangers continue to search the area, both by ground and air to rule out other potential light sources below the rim near Mather Point.

An investigation is being conducted by the National Park Service.

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