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## Grand Canyon News Release

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### **Victim in falling accident at Grand Canyon National Park identified**

**Grand Canyon, Ariz.** – The body of a young male recovered from below the rim yesterday near Yaki Point, has been identified as 19-year-old Mian Zhang, a Canadian citizen.

Mr. Zhang had been on an outcropping yesterday near Yaki Point when witnesses stated he lost his footing and fell. Mr. Zhang was at the point with a friend at approximately 12:30 p.m. when the accident occurred.

Park rangers initiated a technical rescue operation, by rappelling over the edge to an area approximately 250 feet below the rim, and once on scene confirmed Mr. Zhang was deceased. Park Rangers packaged his body, and then transported it by litter-carry to the South Kaibab Trail. Mr. Zhang's body was then transported to the South Rim helibase via a helicopter long-line operation. His body was transferred to the Coconino County Medical Examiner's Office at approximately 5:30 p.m.

An investigation is being conducted by the National Park Service.

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