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Press Release

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Missing Person Search

Pitkin County, Colorado – June 7, 2015 – On Thursday June 4, 2015 at approximately 1430 hours the Pitkin County Sheriff's Office responded to a mutual aid request from the Aspen Police Department. The original call was a REDDI report (Report Every Drunk Driver Immediately) which originated within the City of Aspen. Per the request, a deputy from the Pitkin County Sheriff's Office located the vehicle in question parked at the Devil's Punchbowl east of Aspen. The deputy was unable to locate the driver of the vehicle but was able to locate and identify some items which belonged to the driver. Two deputies searched the immediate surrounding area including the Grotto's Day Use Area and areas down-river from the Punchbowl with no success. Members of Mountain Rescue Aspen, the Aspen Fire Department, Aspen Ambulance and the Pitkin County Sheriff's Office participated in the incident. The Devil's Punchbowl is a recreation spot on the Roaring Fork River frequented by people during the summer.

Initially there was no indication that the driver of the vehicle was in any distress or in need of rescuing. Deputies patrolled the area throughout the night and checked on the condition of the vehicle in the lot. At 07:30 a.m. Friday June 5, 2015 a five-person swift water rescue team from the Aspen Fire Department was sent to the area of the Devil's Punchbowl to perform a search of the immediate area along the bank of the river. The bank search revealed no new information. Throughout the day on Friday deputies were able to interview the driver's friends and family in an attempt to obtain additional information about the situation.

Volunteers from Mountain Rescue Aspen, the Aspen Fire Department and Aspen Ambulance continued search operations during the day on Saturday June 6, 2015. Unfortunately no new information was learned during those searches.

Operations concluded early in the afternoon on Sunday June 7th in the search for the missing Aspen resident, who is now identified as 31 year old Will Graham. Searching today was done by a swift water search and rescue dog and handler. Based on information and feedback provided by the handler of the search and rescue dog, the focus of any future search operations will be conducted in areas immediately surrounding the Devil's Punchbowl. The Sheriff's Office will not conduct any further searching in the area after Sunday unless new information is uncovered.

Mr. Graham is a resident of Aspen and has friends and family who currently still live in the area. Anyone that may have information as to the whereabouts of Will Graham, or information they believe may be pertinent to the case please call the Pitkin County Sheriff's Office at (970) 920-5300.

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The water levels of the Roaring Fork River are currently extremely high. Conditions in and around the river are dangerous. The public is advised to stay out of the Roaring Fork River until water levels return to normal which, due to high runoff from the high-country may take several weeks.

There is no further information available at this time.

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