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WHAT: Douglas County Coroner Releases Name and Cause of Death for Body Found In Mountains

NARRATIVE: DOUGLAS COUNTY, CO – At approximately 3:35 p.m. on Saturday, February 02, 2008 the sheriff's office dispatch center received a call from hikers in a remote area of unincorporated Douglas County.

The hikers were walking on an ATV trail near the Rainbow Falls Campground area located in the southwest portion of Douglas County. They came across what appeared to be a campsite and found the body of a male that was partially covered in snow and ice.

When deputies and investigators arrived, it was determined that the body had been there for some time.

The Douglas County Coroner has identified the body as Joesph Twyford, 33 years of age, from Arizonia. Family members, all out of state, have been notified.

The Coroner determined the cause of death to be consistent with asphyxiation by rope. Toxicology reports are still pending.

Douglas County investigators believe that the death is consistent with suicide. A suicide note was recovered. At this time investigators are unclear about how Twyford got to the campsite.