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Special Press Release:

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Re: Ryan Silsby Search

Ravalli County Sheriff/Coroner Chris Hoffman reports that Ryan Silsby, the 25-year-old Missoula resident who has been missing since August 17th, has been located and is deceased.

Hoffman said that Silsby's body was discovered a short distance west of the Blodgett Canyon Trailhead, at the base of a popular climbing feature. Climbers unrelated to the active search notified Ravalli County 911 of a possible location, and a two-man team composed of a Sheriff's Deputy and a Ravalli County Search and Rescue member hiked to the area and located Silsby. Two Bears Air was dispatched from Flathead County to assist in recovery.

Hoffman said that the week-long search included Silsby's parents, siblings and other relatives, as well as numerous friends and concerned citizens, and was unprecedented in terms of the support he saw for the family in their efforts to locate Ryan.

Hoffman said that his office continues to investigate the cause and circumstances surrounding Ryan Silsby's death.

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