



Summit County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Report for Incident 03-L10996

Nature: Search/Rescue

Address: Trial Lake; Crystal Lake

Location: USFS

Kamas UT 84036

Offense Codes: MPER

Received By: Neitzke J L

How Received: T

Agency: SCSO

Responding Officers: DISP, Snyder J L, Wilde E, Davis, Ronald M, Lafay Don, 196, S11, Orgill K J, Melton J P, Siddoway A, Hixson T, Daley C, Edmunds D, Matthews B, Wilde B, S15, Vernon K, Trump J, 241

Responsible Officer: Snyder J L

Disposition: UTL 09/14/03

When Reported: 19:09:21 09/13/03

Occurred Between: 19:09:21 09/13/03 and 19:09:21 09/13/03

Assigned To:

Detail:

Date Assigned: **/**/**

Status:

Status Date: **/**/**

Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant: PCPD

Last: Park City Police
Department

First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/**

Dr Lic:

Address: 2060 PARK AVE

Race:

Sex:

Phone: () -

City: Park City, UT 84060

Offense Codes

Reported: MPER Missing Person

Observed:

Additional Offense: MPER Missing Person

Circumstances

Responding Officers:

Unit :

DISP

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Snyder J L

RK36

Wilde E

K71

Davis, Ronald M

2A390

Lafay Don

S2

196

196

S11

S11

Orgill K J

XRK16

Melton J P

RT41

Siddoway A

K16

Hixson T

338

Daley C

K56

Edmunds D	K1
Matthews B	111285
Wilde B	K12
S15	S15
Vernon K	S52
Trump J	XXK77
241	241

Responsible Officer: Snyder J L**Received By:** Neitzke J L**How Received:** T Telephone**When Reported:** 19:09:21 09/13/03**Judicial Status:****Misc Entry:****Agency:** SCSO**Last Radio Log:** **:**:** **/**/****Clearance:** No code**Disposition:** UTL **Date:** 09/14/03**Occurred between:** 19:09:21 09/13/03**and:** 19:09:21 09/13/03**Modus Operandi:****Description :****Method :**

Involvements

Date	Type	Description
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Narrative

Investigation Narrative

On 9-13-2003 R/D heard and attempt to locate dispatch from Summit County Dispatch center. The attempt to locate was for two female tourists who were missing from the Park City area. Broadcast advised that the females were in Park City for a hiking vacation but had failed to return to their home in Georgia on their scheduled flight. Park City Police was requesting that hiking trailheads from Logan to Central Utah be checked for the missing woman's vehicle. The vehicle was described as a Gold Cherokee Jeep with Utah license plate 703WUS.

On 9-14-2003 upon beginning tour of duty R/D was advised that the missing woman had not been located and the attempt to locate was still active. R/D drove East bound of U-150 from Kamas. R/D was intent on checking all of the popular trailheads along that route through the Wasatch National Forest. R/D entered the parking lot at the Crystal Lake Trail head. R/D observed parked in that parking lot was the ATL vehicle a Gold Cherokee Jeep with Utah Plate 703WUS. R/D notified Summit County Dispatch that the missing woman vehicle had been located in the Crystal Lake Trail head. R/D requested that a duty Sergeant respond to the scene as it appeared a Search and Rescue mission was authorized. Sgt. Kevin Orgill responded and R/D pointed out the vehicle. R/D explained that the incident appeared to be leading to a Search and Rescue Mission. R/D asked that Orgill conduct the investigation for the Sheriff Office while R/D conducted a Search and Rescue Mission for the missing ladies.

As the Crystal Lake Trailhead services three different trails that encompass a 360 degree possible search area R/D contacted Park City Police and asked them to investigate any leads they may have assess to in the woman's room or property which would give a clue of which area or trail the missing ladies were interested in. R/D was advised of basic information at this time. R/D was advised that the ladies could have been missing for up to 6 days prior to them being discovered as missing. R/D was aware of recent early storms that had gone through at area approximate 6 days prior. R/D asked for blood hounds from the Utah

State Prison to respond in an attempt to discover the scent trail of the missing ladies which would give us a direction of travel from the vehicle. R/D further requested sent article from the ladies property in Park City. The blood hound arrived and were given first sniff of the vehicle and area around the vehicle. R/D was advised that the blood hounds had led out to and began to travel down the Wall Lake trail away from the vehicle. Sgt. Orgill located a book inside the vehicle which indicated by circle the missing ladies were interested in Wall Lake and Clyde lake which are located and accessed by the Wall Lake Trail. R/D was also advised that the Park City Police had located documentation in the room which indicated interest in Clyde Lake as there was a check mark by the listing for Clyde Lake.

Same date Search and Rescue was paged up and hasty searcher teams were sent into the field on missions to hasty search the trail to Wall Lake, through Notch Pass to Meadow Lake, East toward Bald Mountain Trail head and into the Main Fork of the Weber River down to Holiday Park. These hasty search teams did not locate the missing persons along the trails in the area. The search was expanded and continued for 10 operational periods, or 10 days. The search was expanded into larger search areas and trails based on coverage and clues which continued to come available. Please see search documentation for details of each operational period missions and details.

After 10 operational periods the search was scaled back to a limited continuing search on week ends. During the limited continuing search period many search missions were conducted in area of limited coverage and new areas where possible clues were located. The limited continuing search status

continued through the hunting season where media releases and trail posting were used to solicit or inform the public that there were missing persons in the area and that all suspicious sightings should be investigated. The limited searching in the area continued until winter snows came in November which resulted in the roadway U-150 being closed at the Soapstone Trailhead. This resulted in access to the area being restricted.

Through out the operational periods of the search no reliable clues were located in the field which would have given a direction of travel that ladies had taken away from their vehicle. It is believed that the missing persons are in the area and had met with cold and extreme weather while not being prepared for on their day hike on 09-08-2003. It is suspect that the ladies traveled and extended distance from the place last known or at their vehicle. It is also suspected that when confronted with the extreme weather from an early storm the missing ladies took shelter in thick timber, which has concealed their location from searchers in the area.

Any suspicious sightings in the area should be investigated as it is believed that the two missing woman are in the area. Further it is suspected because the missing were a mother daughter relationship that when located the two will be together, or very near one another, in or near dense timber they may have attempted to use for cover from the winter storm. For additional search and rescue activity documentation please see the search and rescue file which is contained in 2 black three inch loose leaf binders contained in the Summit County Sheriff Office records section.

Deputy Jim Snyder
Summit County Sheriff Office
Search and Rescue Coordinator

Responsible LEO:

Approved by:

Date