



Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office

News Release

Sheriff's Office Reports Positive Identification of Missing Yreka Man

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The body of a man found deceased in the Sacramento River by the Tehama County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) on January 26, 2017, was positively identified this week. Tragically, the body was identified as Mr. Trygve "Karl" Larson, 79, of Yreka, the man sought by Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) Search and Rescue (SAR) personnel for several days after he was reporting missing in the Yreka area by family members on January 19, 2017. According to family members, he was last seen on Monday, January 16th.

On Thursday, January 26, 2017, The Tehama County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) contacted Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) detectives to inform them they recovered a body of a male adult found deceased in the Sacramento River, in the Red Bluff area. The body, which has not been positively identified, matched the description of a missing man but could not be positively identified until forensic analyses could be confirmed by California Department of Justice authorities by comparing fingerprint records.

Mr. Larson was considered "endangered," due to various factors communicated to SCSO investigators by family members and associates. When his disappearance was reported to SCSO, an extensive search by SCSO SAR, field, and Major Crimes' Unit investigators ensued for several days. An extensive search of the local area by SCSO and a regional broadcast transmitted to all law enforcement agencies failed to locate Mr. Larson.

According to TCSO authorities, the body not only matched the description of Mr. Larson, but there were some indicators found at the scene that led investigators to believe the body was the missing man. The body appeared to have been in the water for several days. An autopsy was conducted and according to TCSO authorities, there was no evidence of foul play or criminal assault.

According to Sheriff Jon Lopey, "Our departmental SAR team, deputies, detectives, allied-agencies, family members, and others worked diligently for several days to locate Mr. Larson, often in rugged terrain and during inclement weather. TCSO investigators worked relentlessly to positively identify Mr. Larson under difficult circumstances, since fingerprint records had to be manually reviewed to verify his identification. On behalf of the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office, I would like to extend our thoughts and prayers to Mr. Larson and his many family members and friends. Anyone with information about his disappearance or activities while in Siskiyou or Tehama County prior to his recovery on January 26th, is urged to contact the SCSO's 24-hour Dispatch Center at (530) 841-2900."

