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MEDIA RELEASE: *UPDATE* Located Missing Person

DATE: 8/5/2018

INCIDENT TYPE: Missing Endangered Person

DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT: 8/5/2018

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: NW Ochoco Creek, Prineville, Oregon

SUBJECT: Jim Garner Heggie, DOB 2/6/1962, of Prineville

NARRATIVE OF INCIDENT:

On 8/5/2018, at about 0940 hours, Jim Heggie was located, deceased, in the area of NW Ochoco Creek by members of the Crook County Search and Rescue (SAR) team. Heggie was located in an area of Ochoco Creek that is difficult to access and covered by vegetation making his discovery difficult. The investigation revealed no evidence of suspicious or criminal activity.

The investigation revealed Heggie was walking home from the downtown area, and slipped or fell into a steep portion of Ochoco Creek. The exact cause of death is uncertain, but drowning and/or possible medical complications after the fall are likely. Age, mobility, and alcohol may have been a factor as Heggie was last seen leaving a drinking establishment in the area of North Main Street on 8/3/2018 at about 2030 hours. Heggie was reported as missing the following morning about 15 hours later. The results of this investigation revealed Heggie likely died soon after leaving the downtown area as he was headed home.

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Prineville Police would like to thank Crook County Sheriffs Office and SAR members for their assistance with locating Heggie. We would also like to thank citizens and family members who responded and provided information for this case.

Press release prepared by Sgt. James Peterson