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The Mesa County Coroner's Office has completed its examination regarding the death of James J. McCarthy, a 49-year-old male resident of Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Mr. McCarthy was hunting with his father-in-law in the area of Mosquito Lake when he became lost on Tuesday, October 25, 2011. Mr. McCarthy was last heard over his two-way radio on Wednesday around 2:00 PM making a distress call.

Mr. McCarthy was not dressed for the inclement weather. Evidence near where he was recovered suggested he tried unsuccessfully to build a warming fire. However, upon autopsy, Mr. McCarthy was found to have heart disease that led to his demise. He had no signs of hypothermia. Therefore the ***Cause of Death*** was ***Arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease*** and the ***Manner of Death*** was ***Natural***.

The law enforcement agency overseeing this investigation is the Mesa County Sheriff's Office. Please contact them for any further details.

Thank you