



## Mesa County Coroner's Office

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#### For Immediate Release

The Mesa County Coroner's Office has completed its examination regarding the death of Gabriel C. Hellmann, a 17-year-old male resident of Palisade, Colorado. Mr. Hellmann was fishing from a kayak on a private pond near 34 ¾ Road and E Road on June 18, 2011 when he reportedly entered the water to retrieve a dropped fishing pole. Mr. Hellman surfaced one time and was not seen again by friends. The ***Cause of Death*** was ***Drowning*** and the ***Manner of Death*** was ***Accident***. Neither drugs nor alcohol were factors. Mesa County Search and Rescue Dive Team found Mr. Hellmann at a depth of 22 feet in water that was in the mid-60 degree temperature range.

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

Thank you