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The Mesa County Coroner's Office has completed its examination regarding the death of Ivan C. Walz II, a 67-year-old male resident of Grand Junction. Mr. Walz was enjoying a day of fishing with his family at Vega Reservoir on Thursday, July 7, 2011. The **Cause of Death** was **Drowning** and the **Manner of Death** was **Accident**. The forensic examination showed Mr. Walz had bite marks on his tongue. Bite marks are often associated with seizures. Mr. Walz did not have any other injuries or medical conditions that would account for his falling into the water.

The law enforcement agency overseeing this investigation is Colorado State Parks. Please contact them for any further details.

Thank you