



Mesa County Coroner's Office

Dean M. Havlik, MD, Coroner

Kim Hollingshead, D-ABMDI, Chief Deputy Coroner

MEDIA RELEASE

Date: October 22, 2011

Contact: 970-256-6462
coroner@mesacounty.us

For Immediate Release

The Mesa County Coroner's Office has completed its examination regarding the death of Steven D. Chesley, a 62-year-old male resident of Rifle, Colorado. Mr. Chesley, an accomplished mountain bike rider, was riding with a friend in the mountains southwest of DeBeque yesterday. Mr. Chesley fell from his bicycle, striking the top of his helmeted head on the ground with significant force. He was pronounced at the scene. The **Cause of Death** was **Blunt Force Neck Injury** and the **Manner of Death** was **Accident**. The wearing of helmets does save lives. Please always ride with appropriate safety gear.

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

Thank you