



Mesa County Coroner's Office

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The Mesa County Coroner's Office has completed its examination regarding the death of 44-year-old Steven L. Ball who was part of the Grand Junction homeless community. Mr. Ball apparently went into the Colorado River near a friend's home while fishing on Saturday, July 14, 2012. The **Cause of Death** was **Drowning** and the **Manner of Death** was **Accident**. Mr. Ball's blood alcohol level was .408; over five times what the State of Colorado considers too intoxicated to operate a motor vehicle.

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

Thank you