



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 Richard Lee "Red" Stephenson, an 84-year-old male resident of Whitewater, Colorado. Mr. Stephenson was eastbound on Colorado Highway 141 on December 10, 2012 and his vehicle was discovered late morning of December 11, 2012 by his son. The decedent was discovered several feet from his vehicle near East Creek. The ***Cause of Death*** was ***Hypothermia*** and the ***Manner of Death*** was ***Accident***.

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

Thank you