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For Immediate Release

The Mesa County Coroner's Office has completed its examination regarding the death of Austin Worbington, a 20-year-old male resident of Peyton, CO and student at Colorado Mesa University. Mr. Worbington was the young man involved in the drowning incident on May 11, 2016, at the Pot Holes in Glade Park, CO. He later passed at a local hospital. The cause of death is drowning and the manner of death is accident.

Toxicology was negative for alcohol but did show a presence of marijuana. Marijuana can be detected several days after exposure. Because of this fact, there is no way to determine the time frame of the exposure. During the course of this investigation, in conjunction with the Mesa County Sheriff's Office, there was no evidence on scene or history of marijuana use found during the day of the incident.

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

Thank you,

Victor Yahn, Chief Deputy Coroner
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