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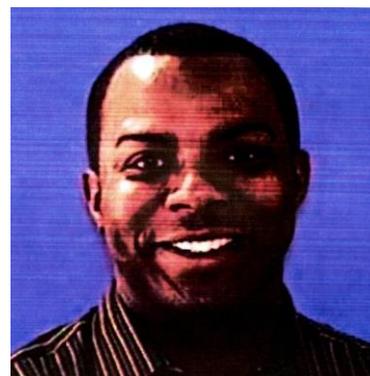


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Detectives Investigating Suspicious Death – Seeking Public Input

Just before 11am yesterday, July 31, 2014, YCSO deputies were dispatched to the report of a dead body lying in water in Beaver Creek along the Bell Trail in Wet Beaver Creek Canyon, Yavapai County. The body was discovered by hikers.

The body was eventually identified as that of 43-year-old George Wesley Montgomery from Peoria, Arizona. He is described as a black male, 6' 2" in height, who was wearing a yellow shirt and shorts. Montgomery had suffered a gunshot wound and a firearm was recovered near his body. The manner of death has not been determined as detectives continue to investigate the circumstances.



George Montgomery –
from a 2008 MVD photo

Montgomery last had contact with family members by phone on Wednesday, July 30, 2014, around 7 PM. At that time there was an indication he was hiking along the Bell trail. Detectives are asking anyone who might have been hiking on Bell Trail between the hours of 6pm and 8pm on Wednesday, to contact them regarding this investigation.

Montgomery's vehicle, a 2002 white GMC Envoy, was located and recovered from a turnout area near the trail.

If anyone has information regarding this case, please contact Detective John McDormett at 928-771-3260 or Yavapai Silent Witness at 1800-932-3232.

Citizens can contact the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office with information or questions at 928-771-3260 or the YCSO website:

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