



San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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SYNOPSIS:

On January 26, 2019, at approximately 2:46 pm, Thomas Mark Castiglia was reported missing to the Sheriff's Department. He had met a hiking group to hike El Cajon Mountain earlier in the day. The group, including Castiglia, began hiking the mountain via the south route with a destination of "Lunch Rock." At approximately 10:40 am, Castiglia told several other hikers he would be hiking at a slower pace and advised the group not to wait for him. As of 2:46 pm, Castiglia had not returned to the trail head and was deemed missing.

Castiglia is an experienced hiker with no known medical conditions.

He's described as a 50 year old, white male adult, 5'6" tall about 165 lbs. Bald with hazel eyes. He was last seen wearing a black sweater, black shorts, and green hat. He was also carrying a green backpack and blue hiking poles.

The Sheriff's Lakeside Substation, Search and Rescue Unit and ASTREA searched throughout the night for Castiglia. They eventually located a deceased male matching Castiglia's description, near the base of a sheer cliff. The Medical Examiner's Office was notified and responded to the scene. The adult male was positively identified as Thomas Castiglia and his family was notified. The Medical Examiner's Office assumed the investigation. The exact cause and manner of death is still pending.

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